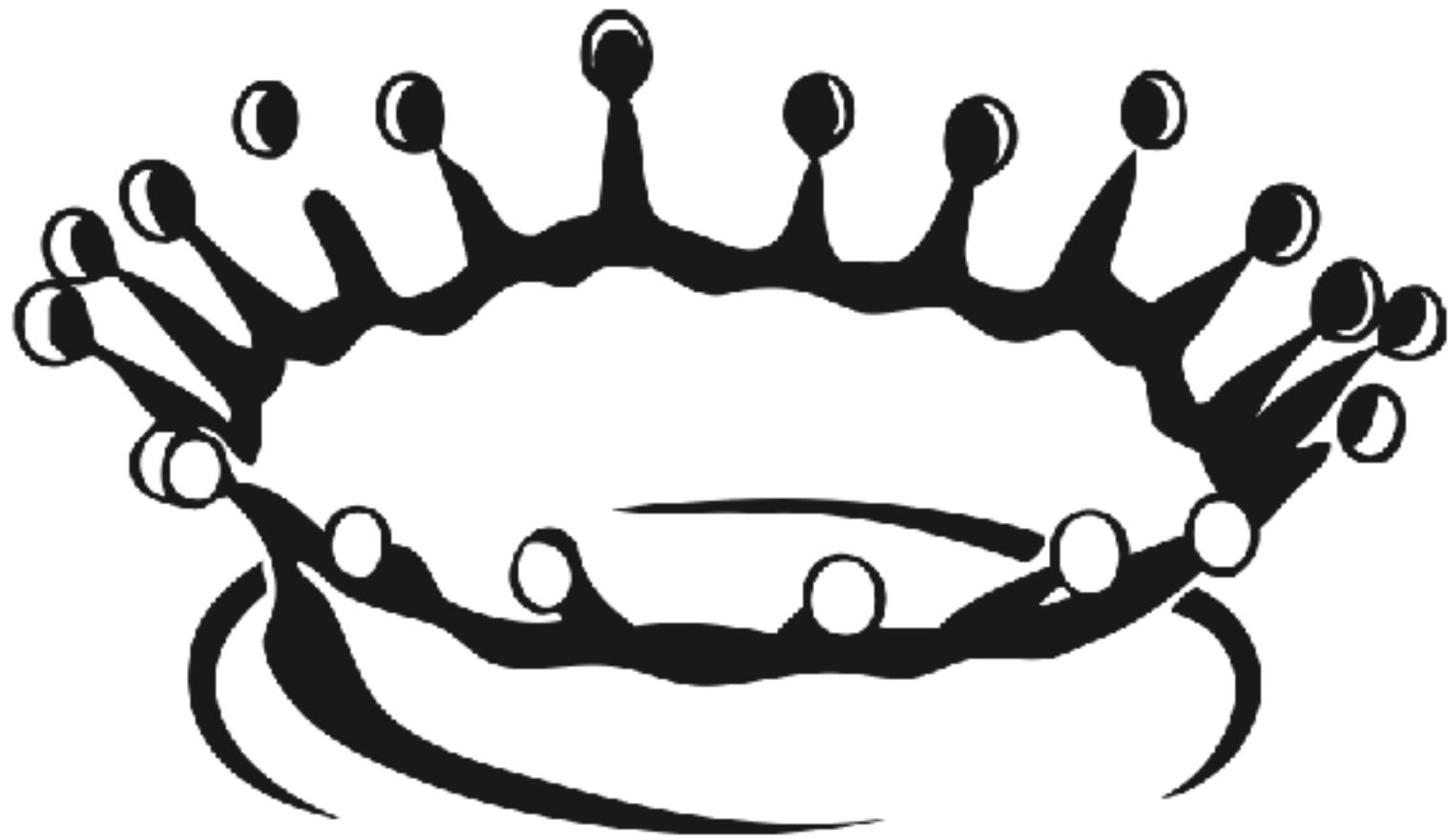


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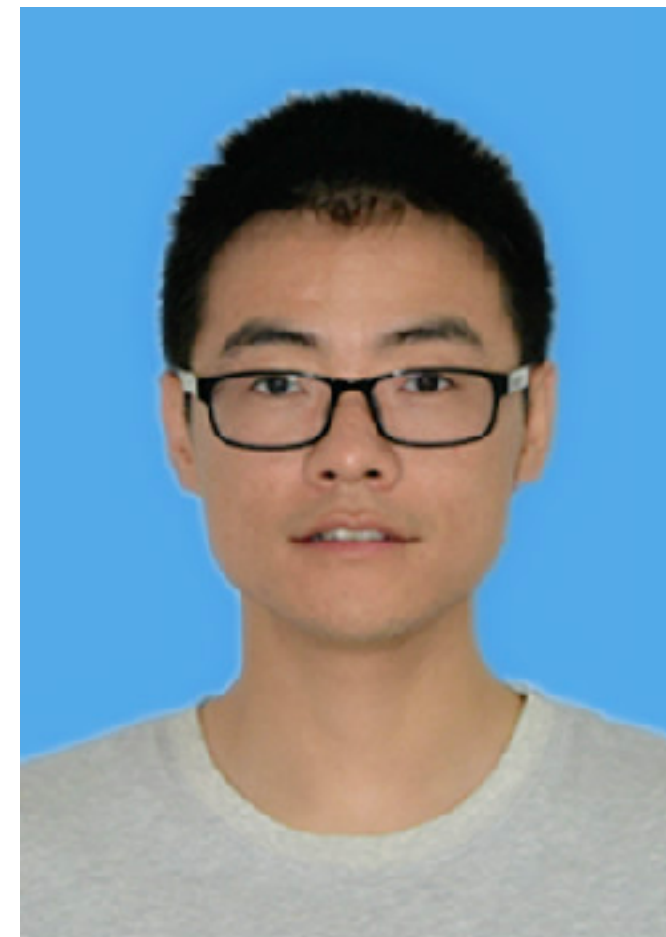
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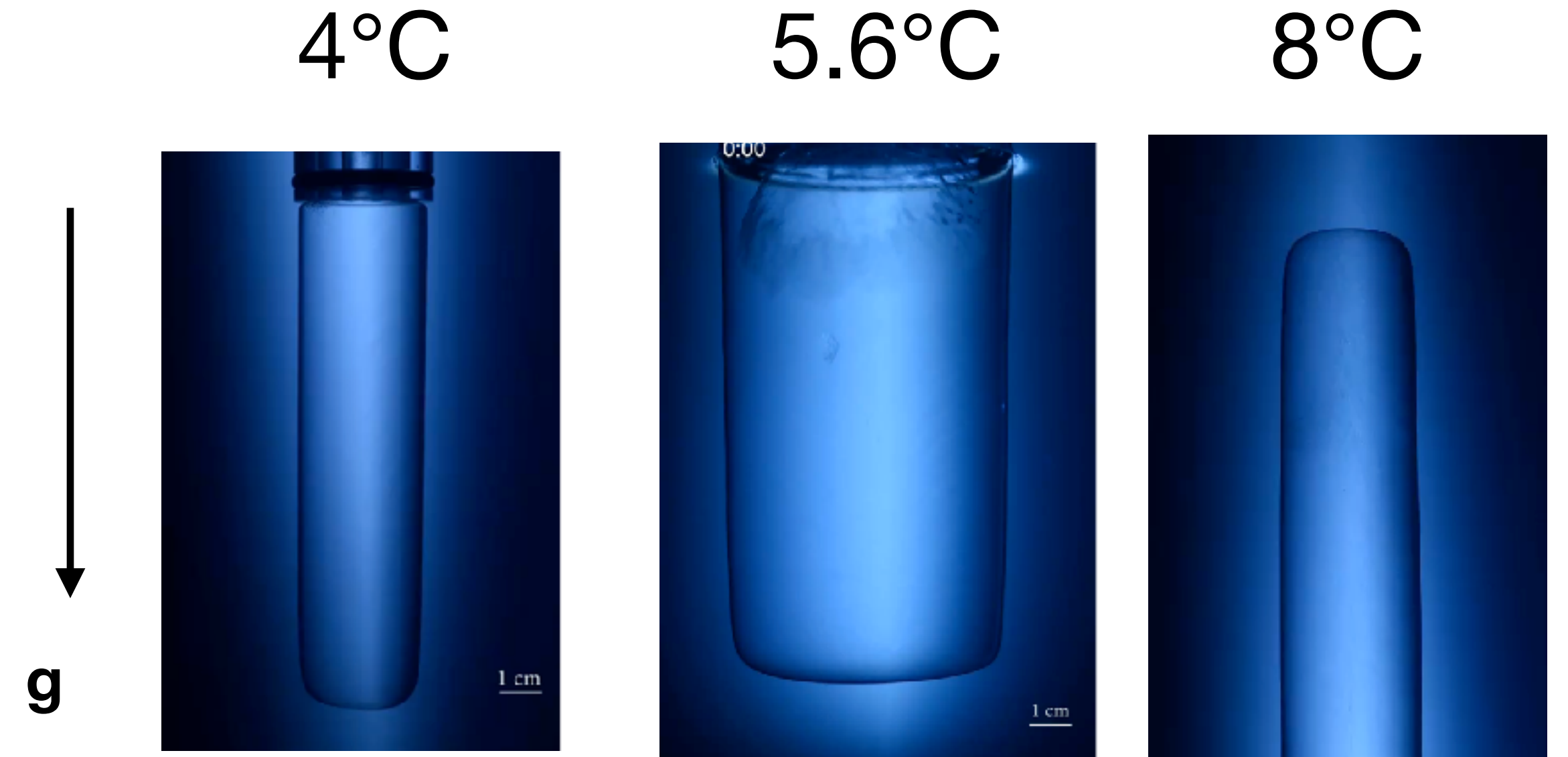
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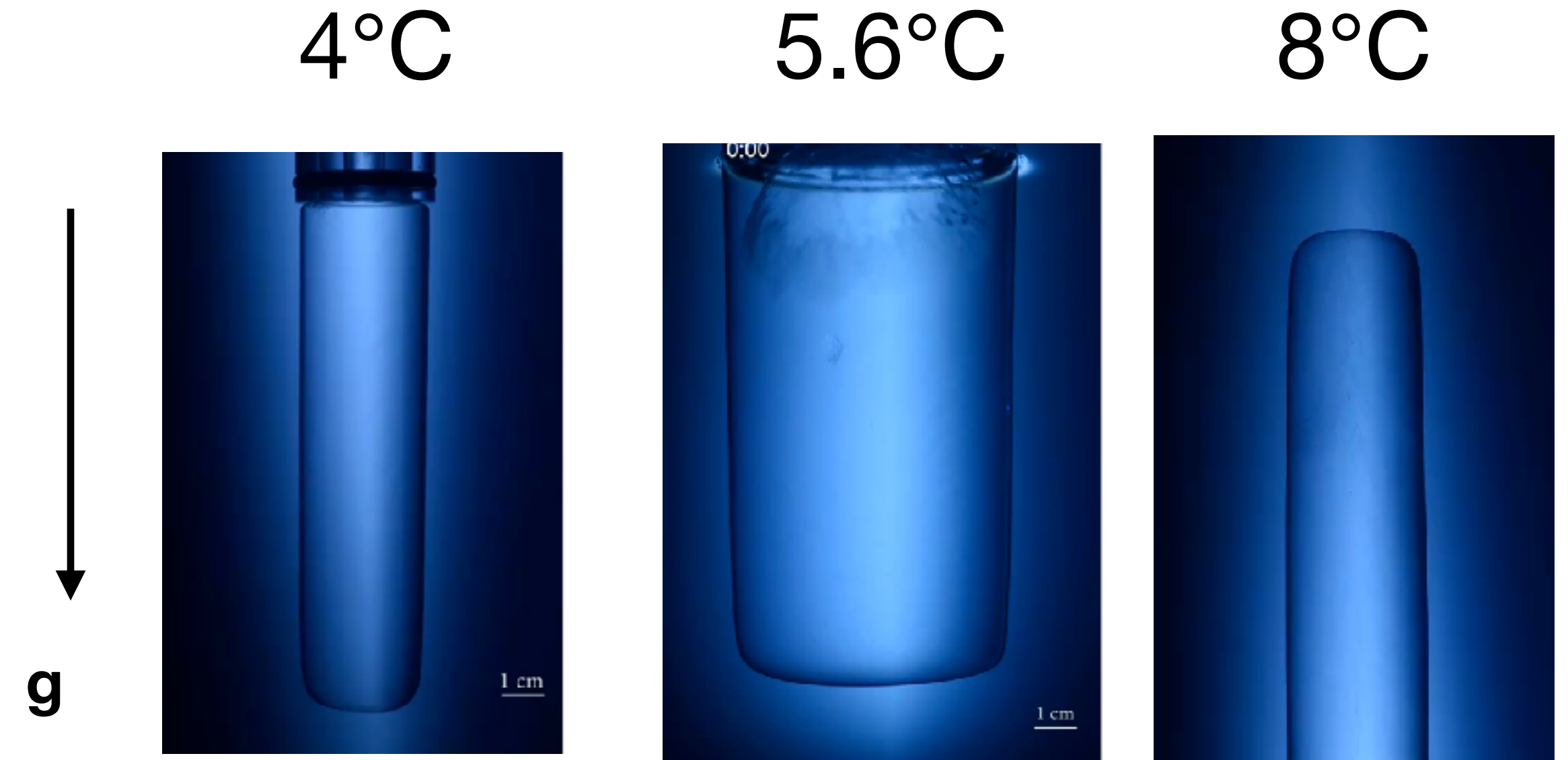
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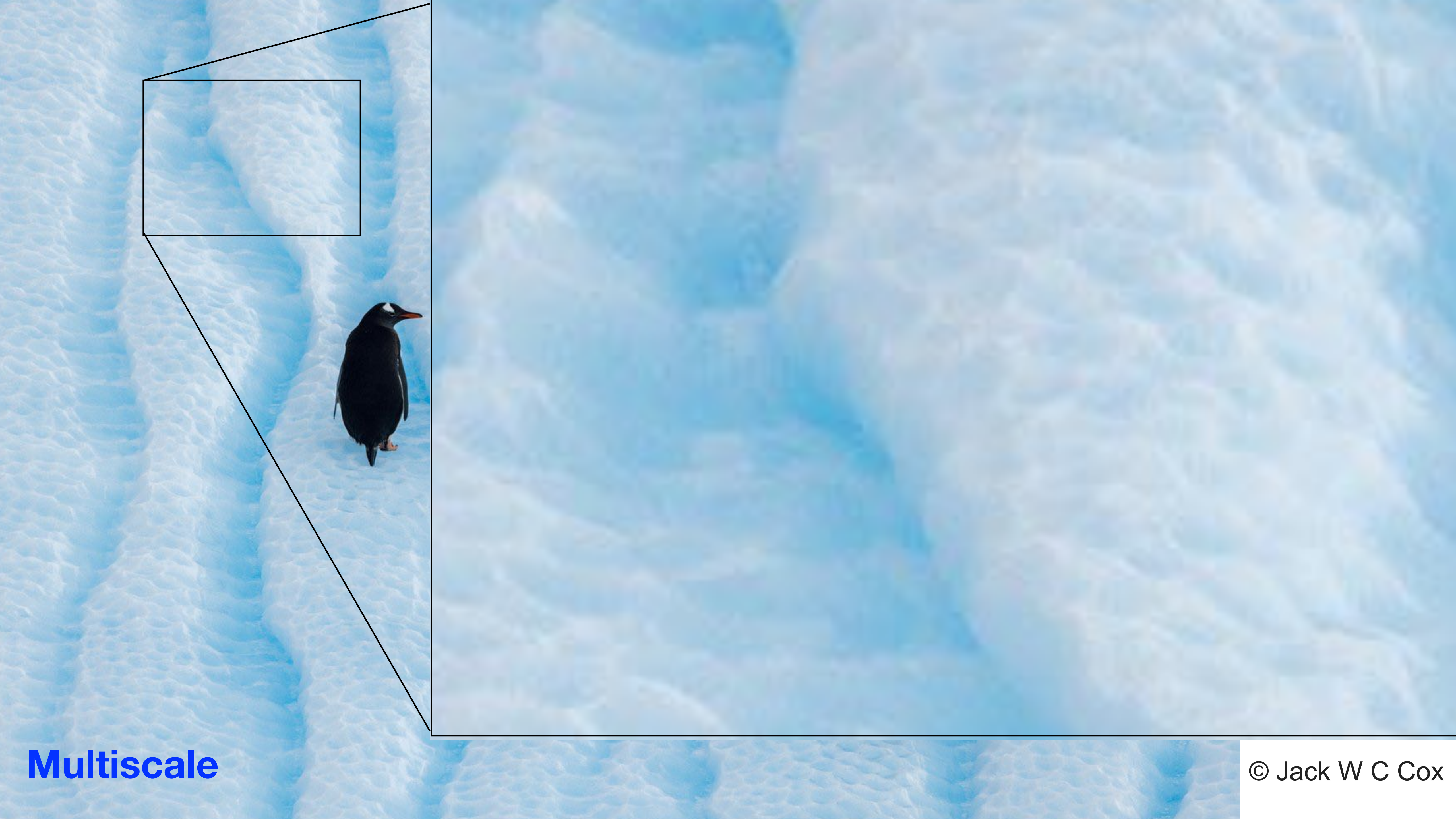
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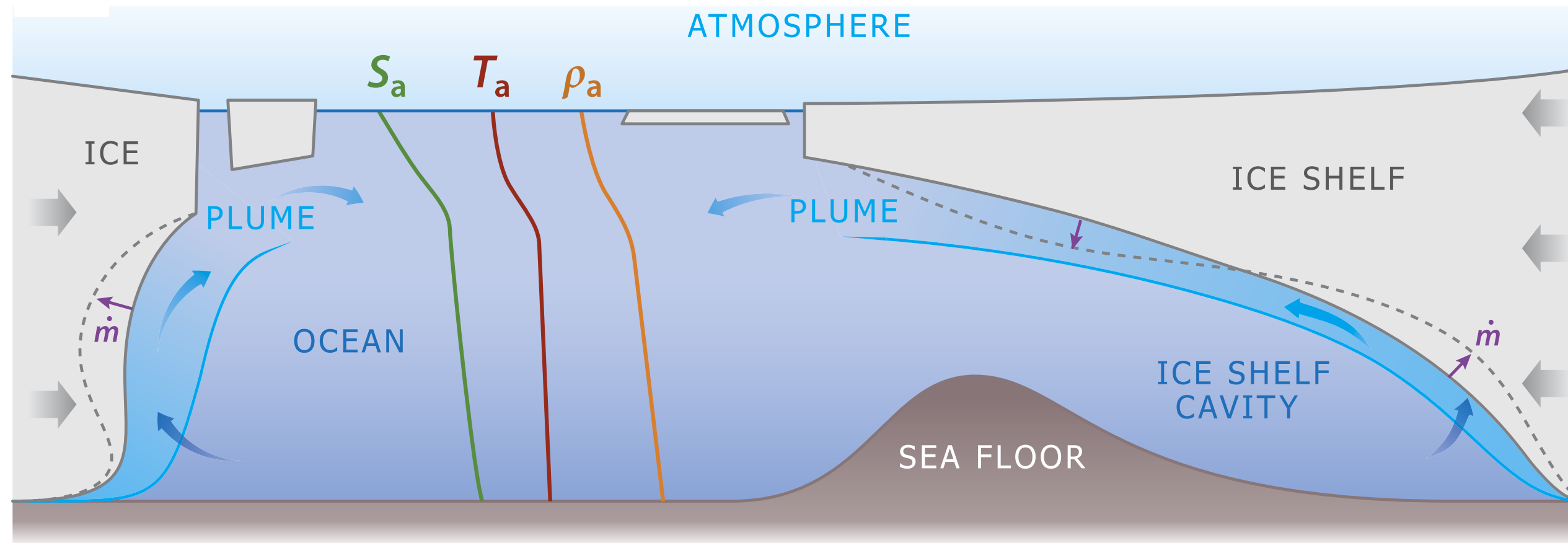


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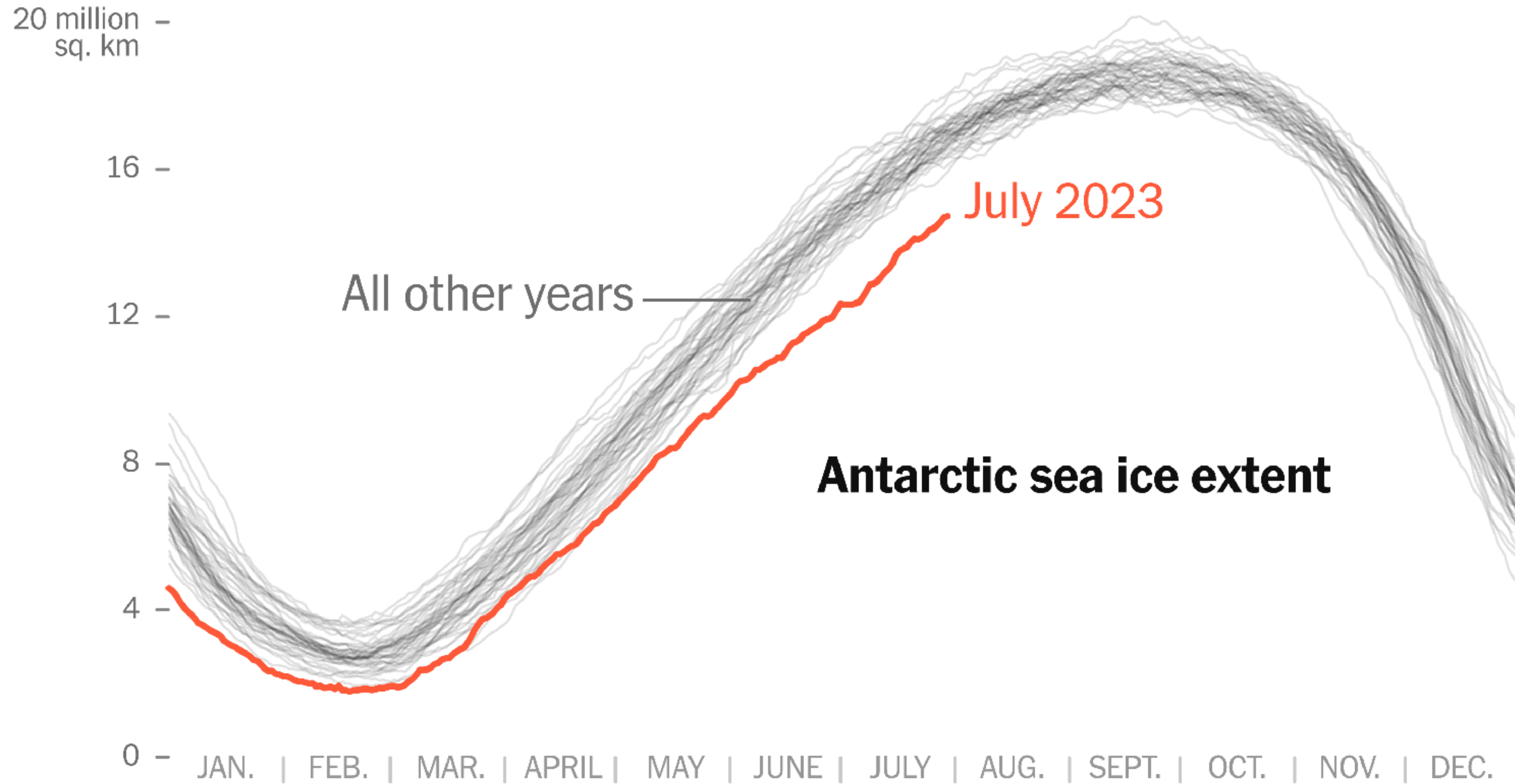
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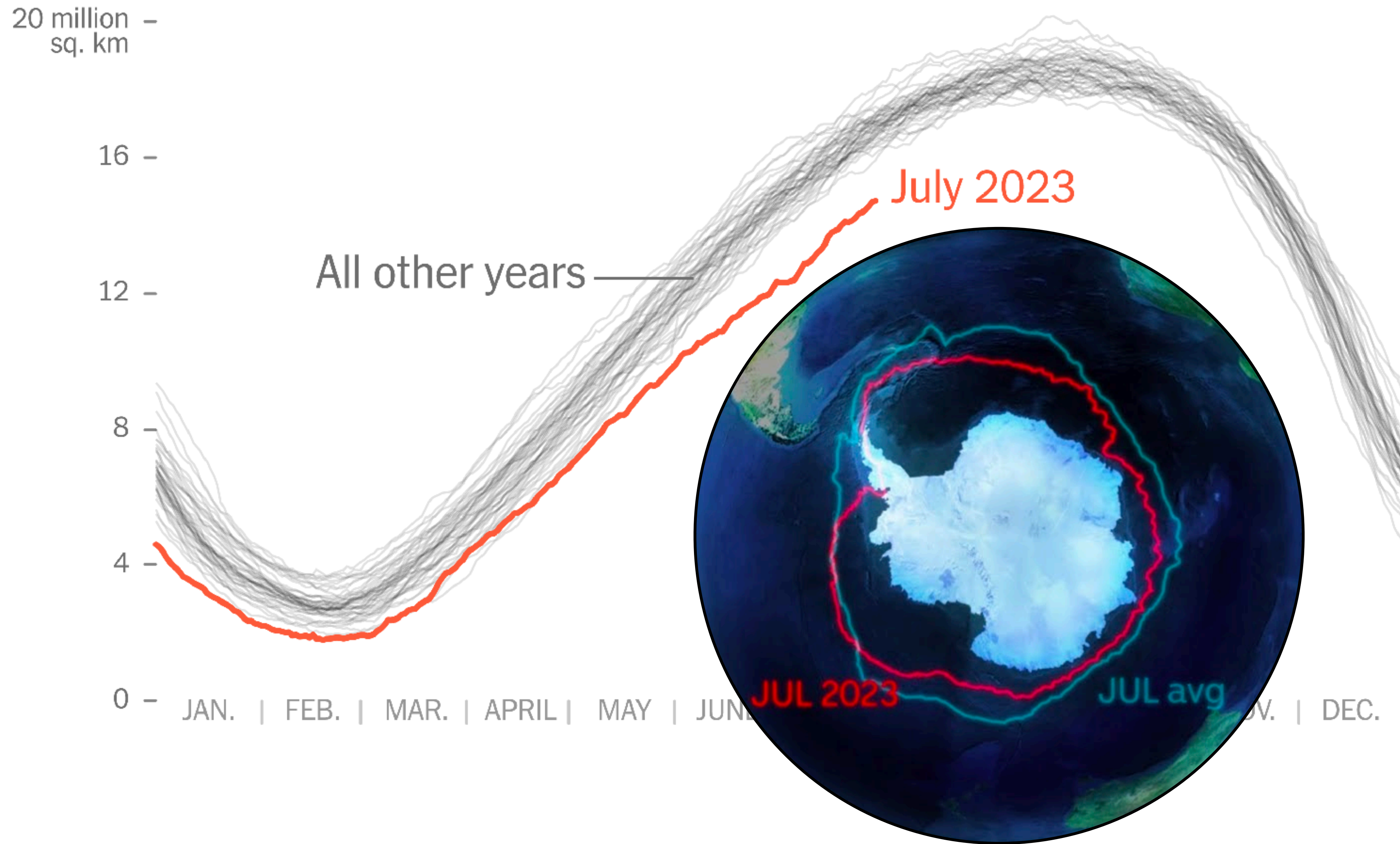
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20 million sq. km

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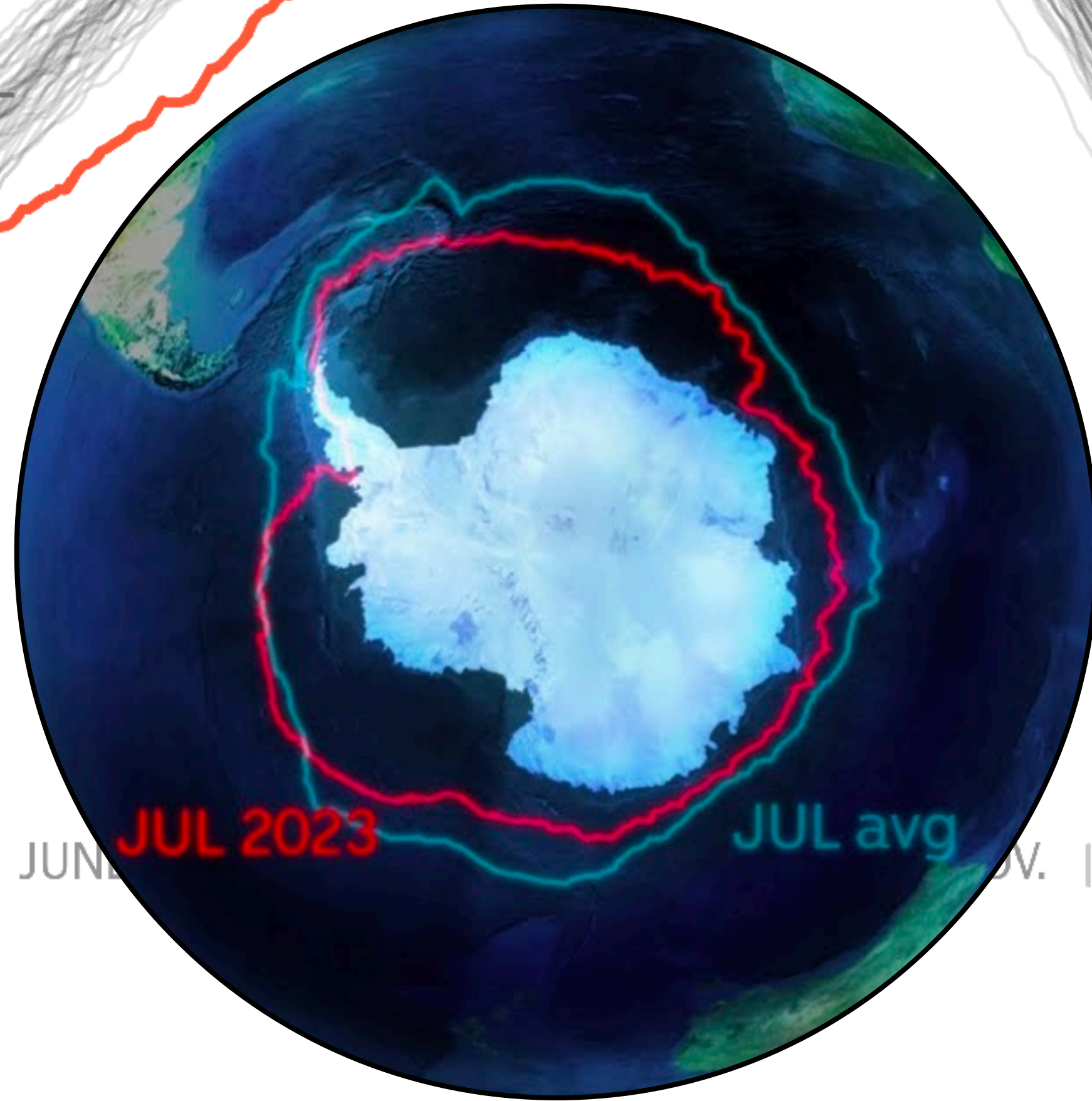
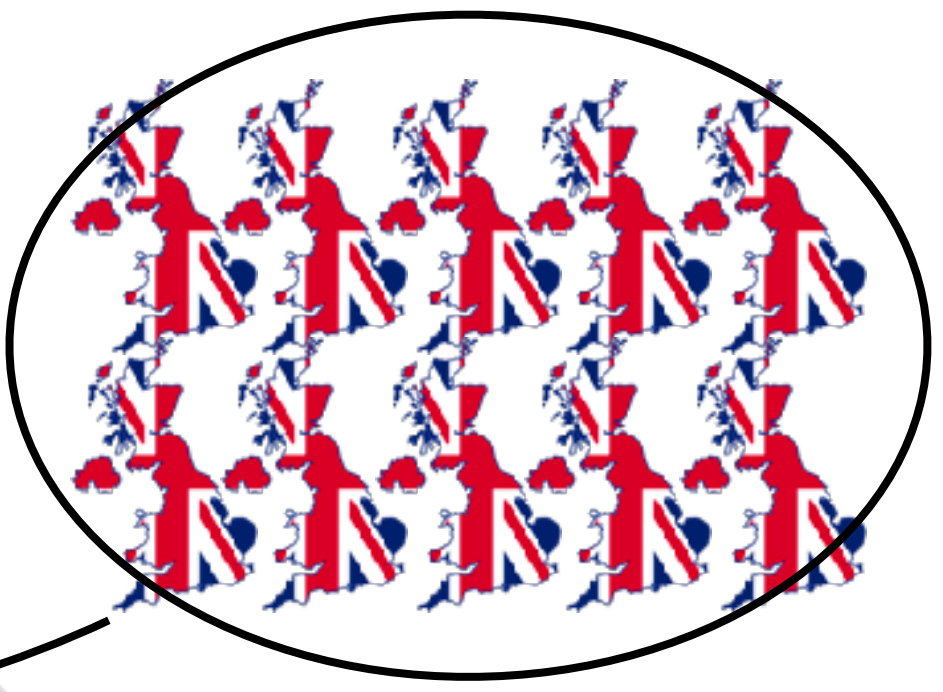
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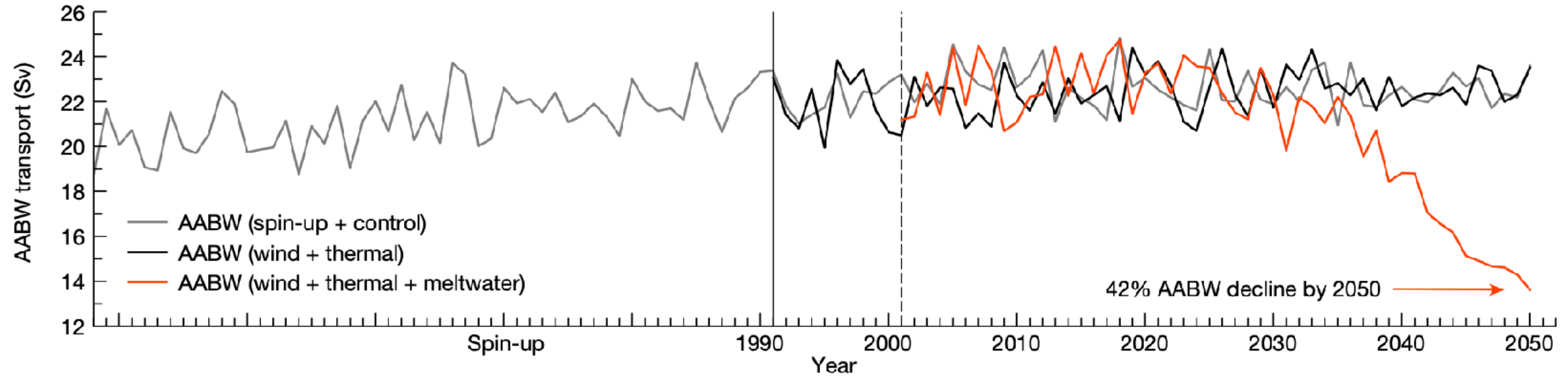


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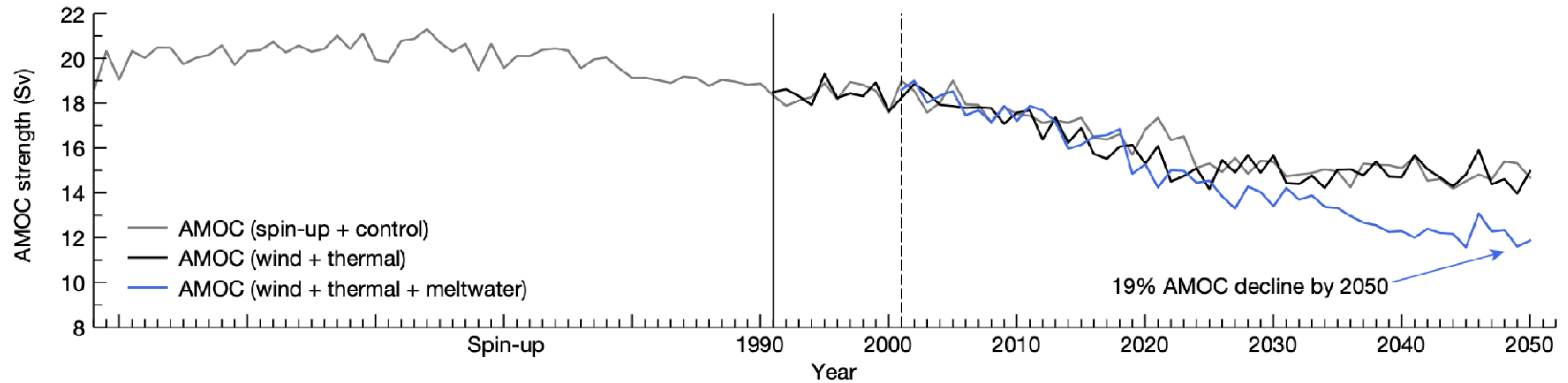
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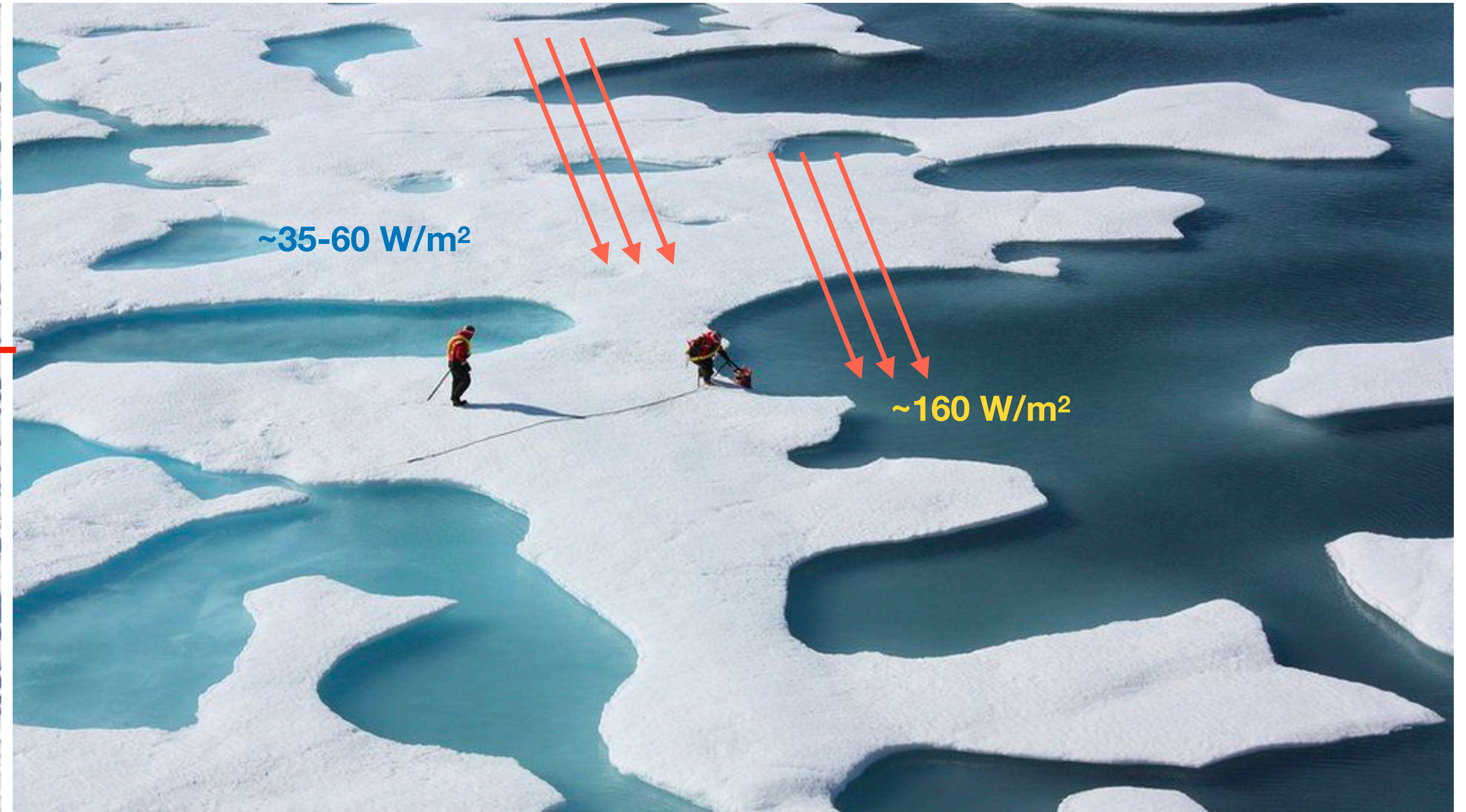
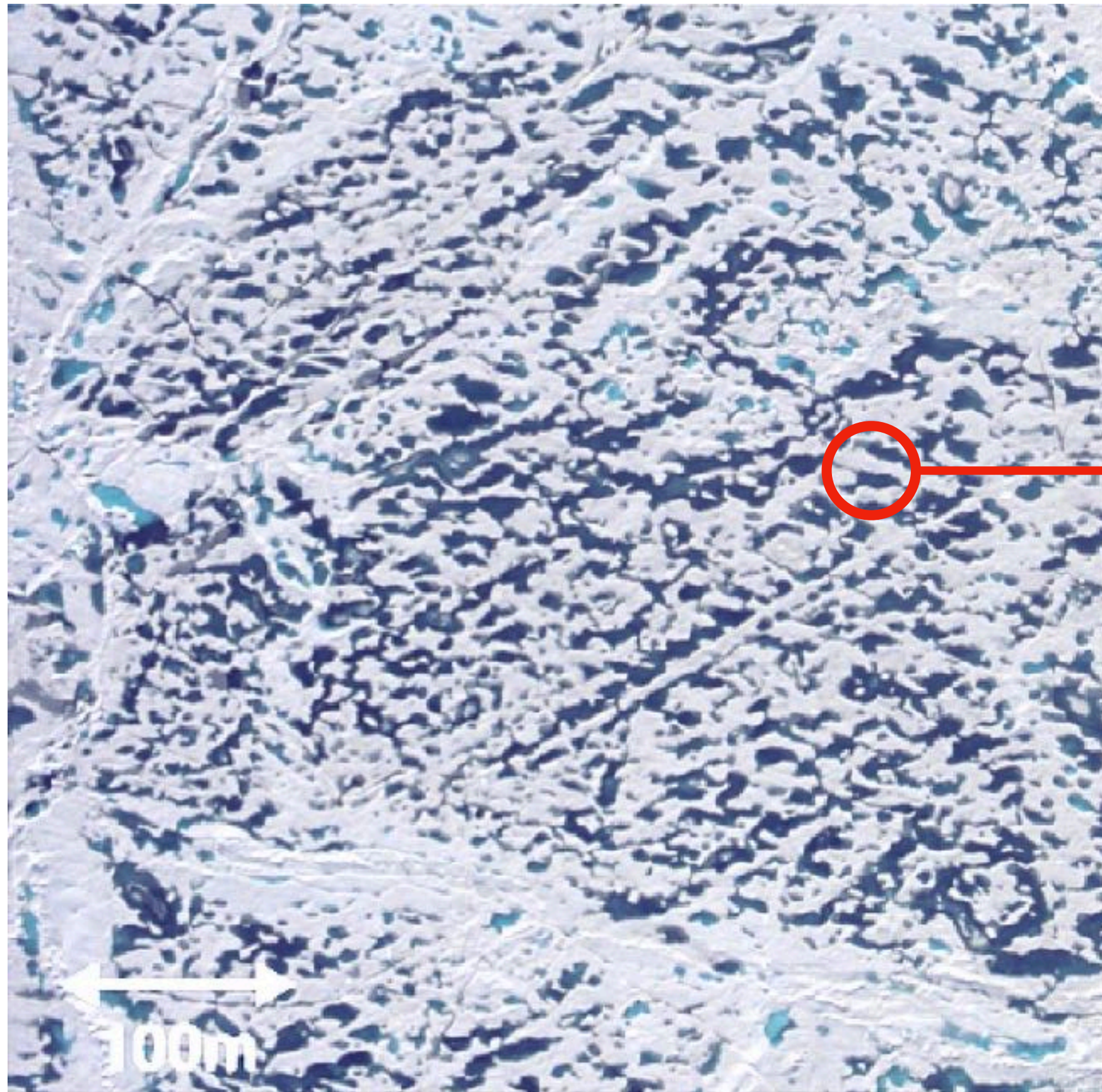
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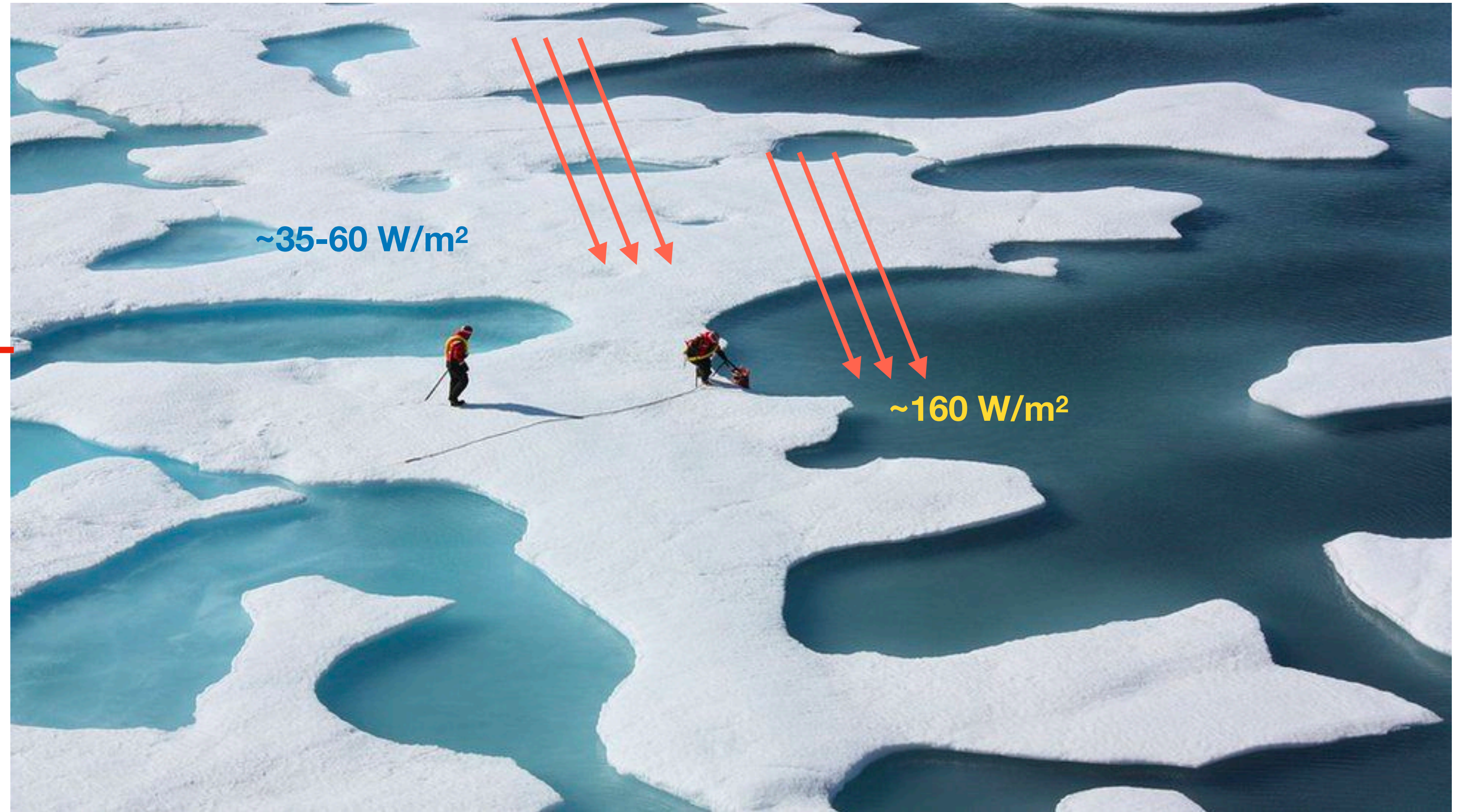
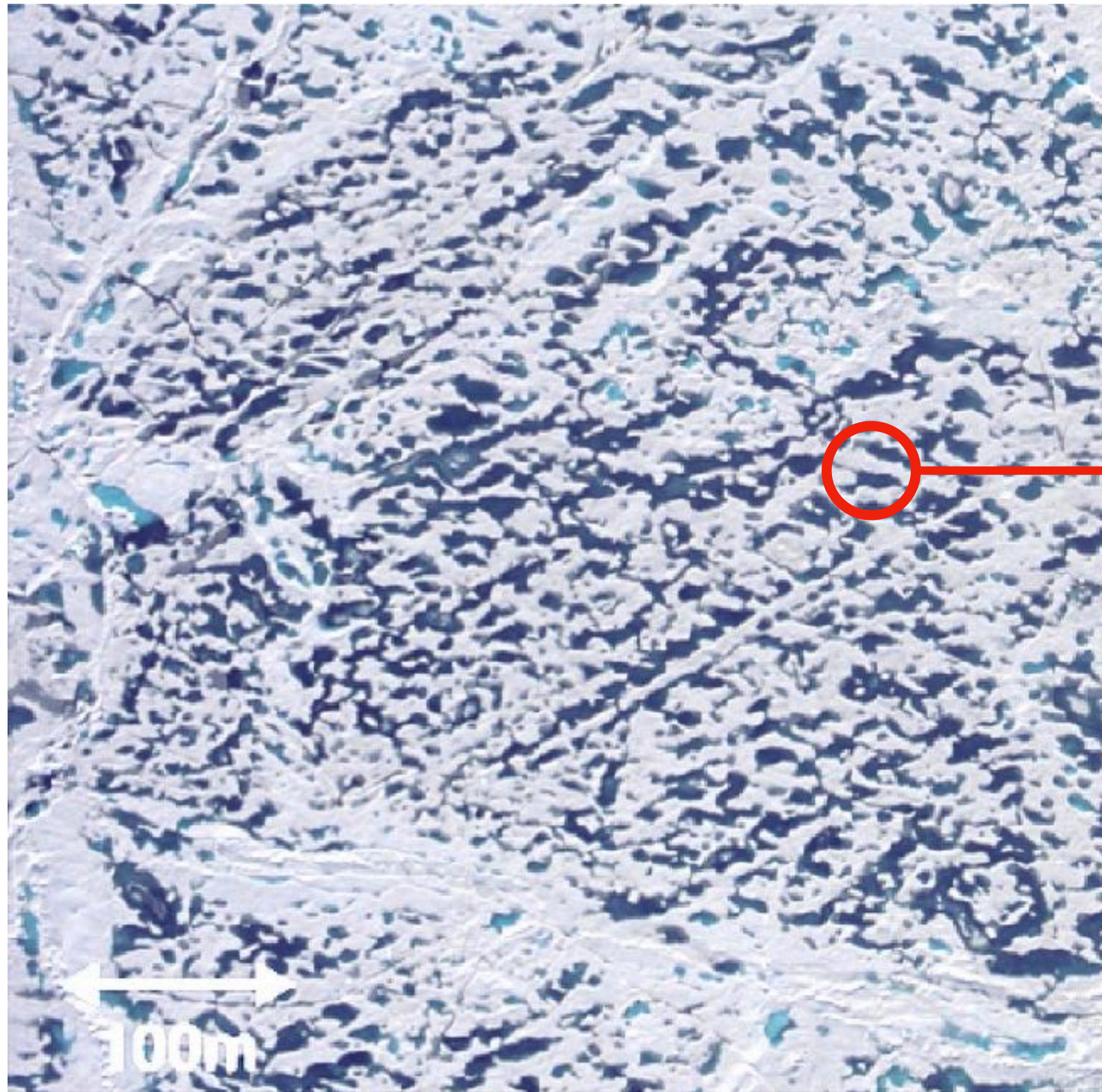
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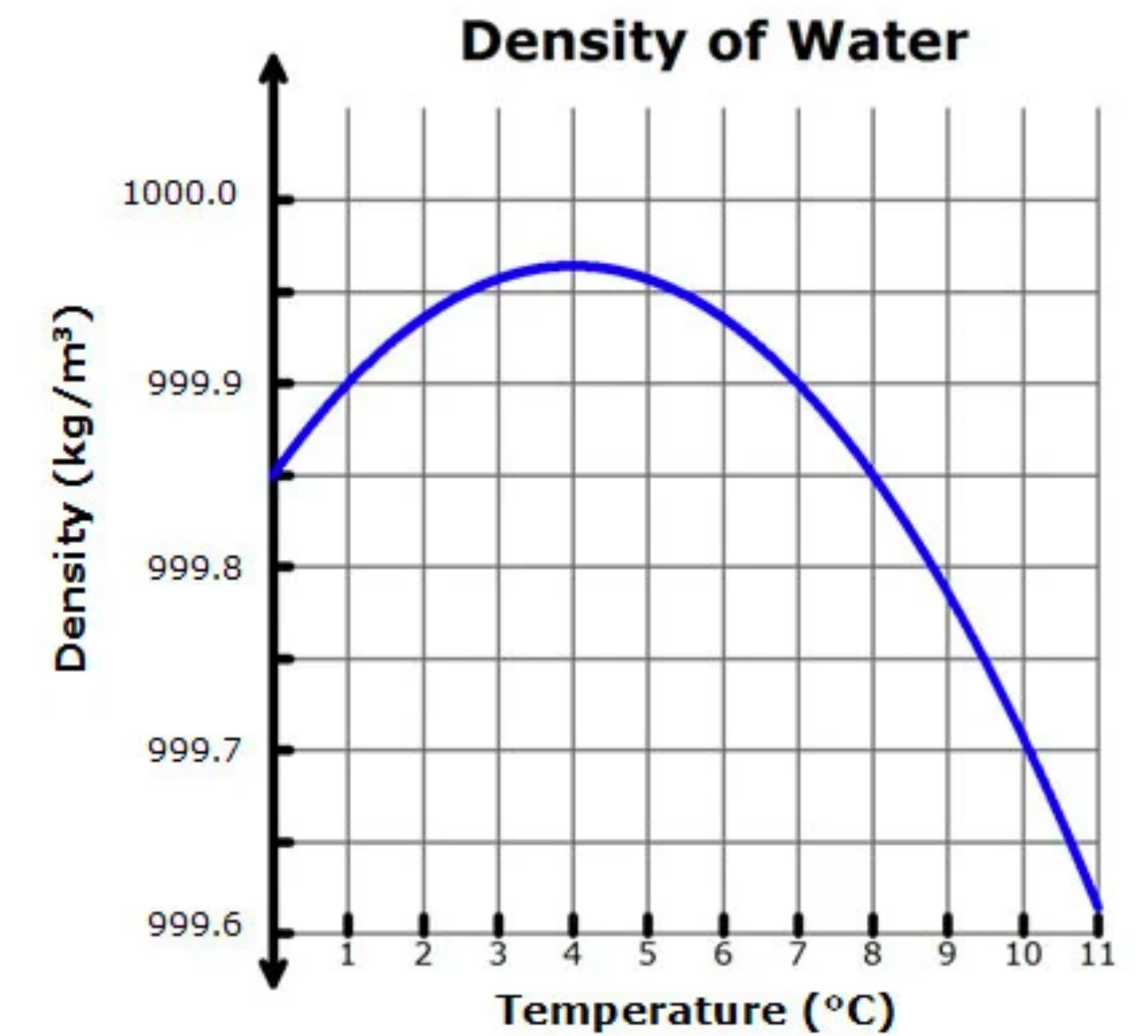
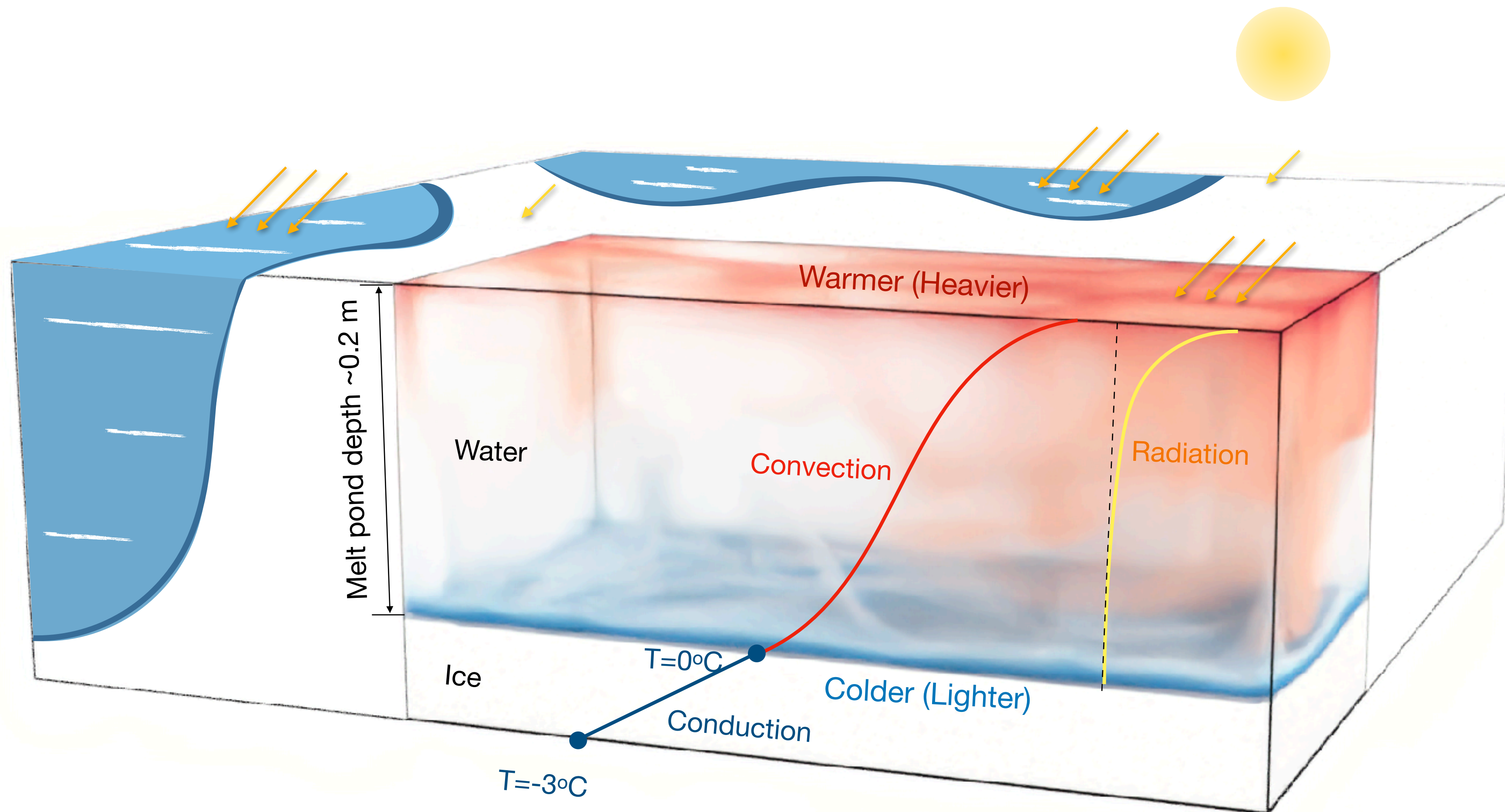
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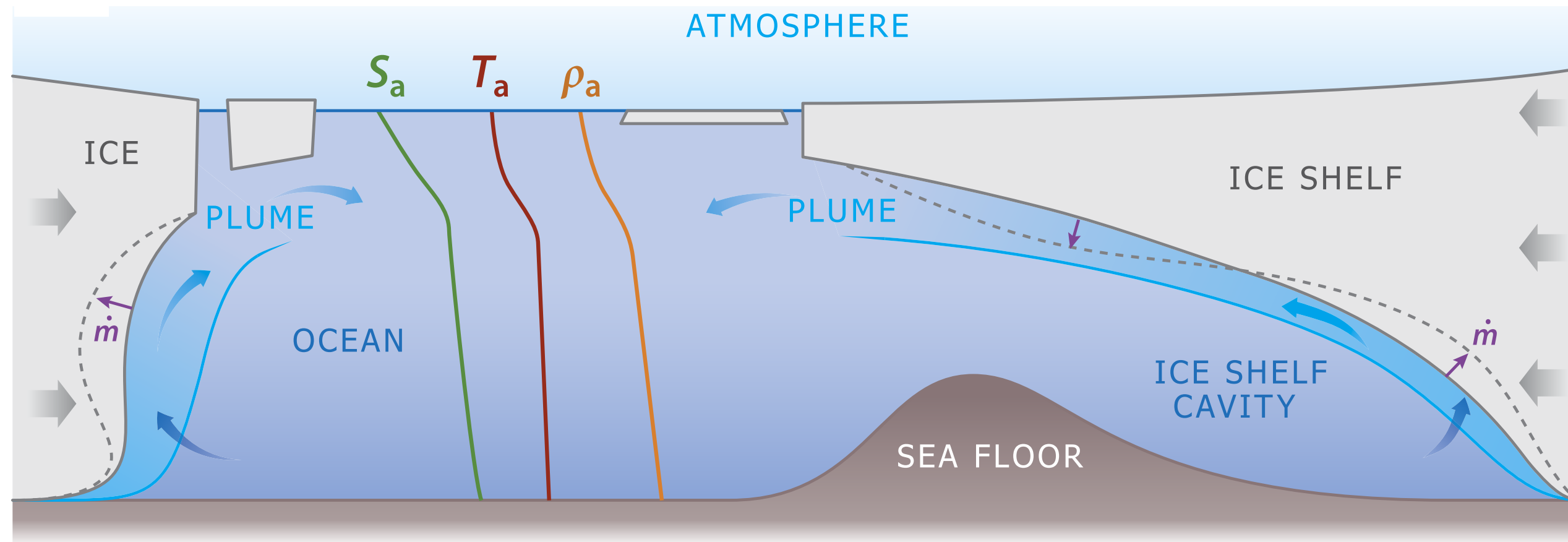
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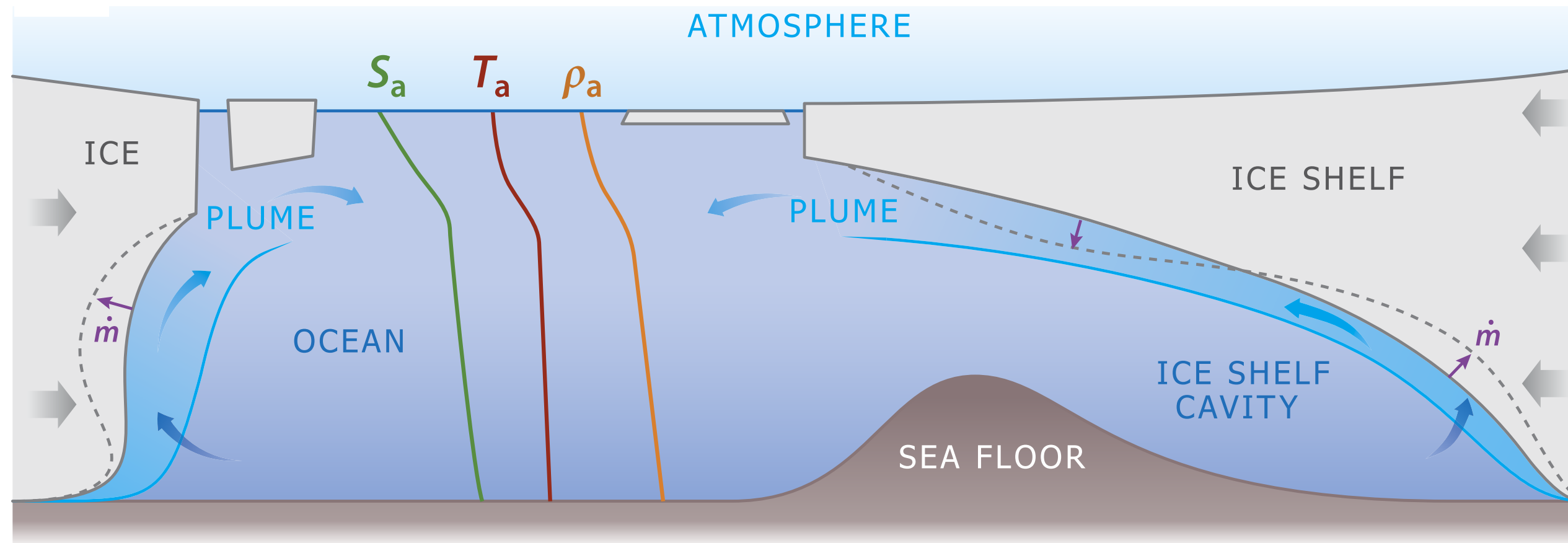
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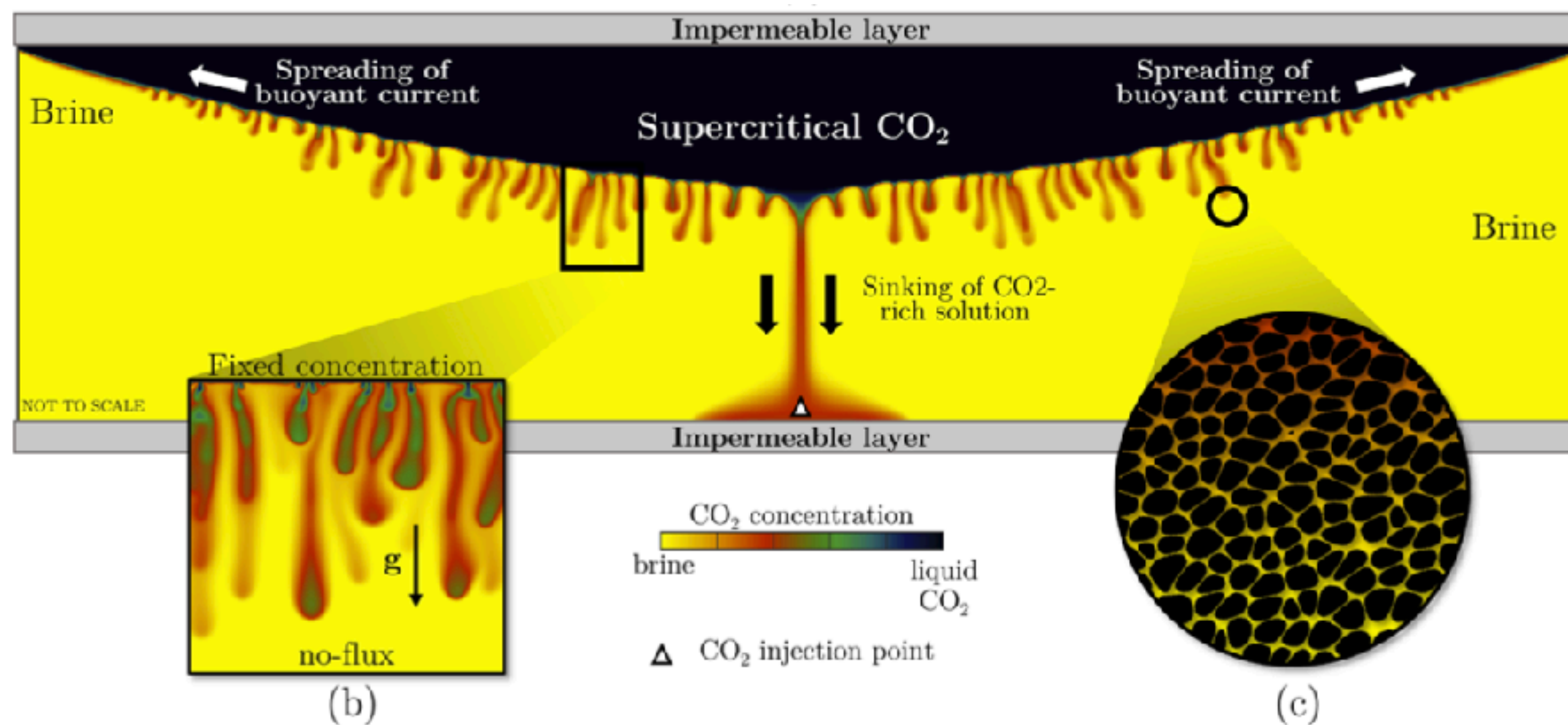
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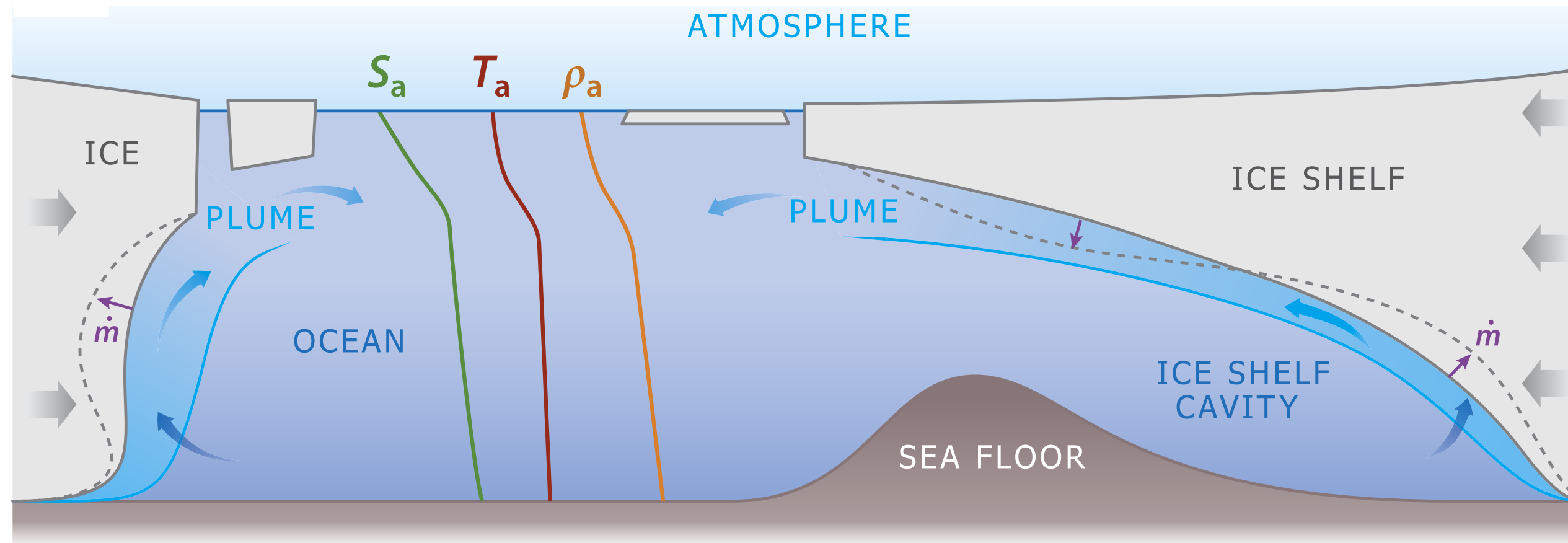
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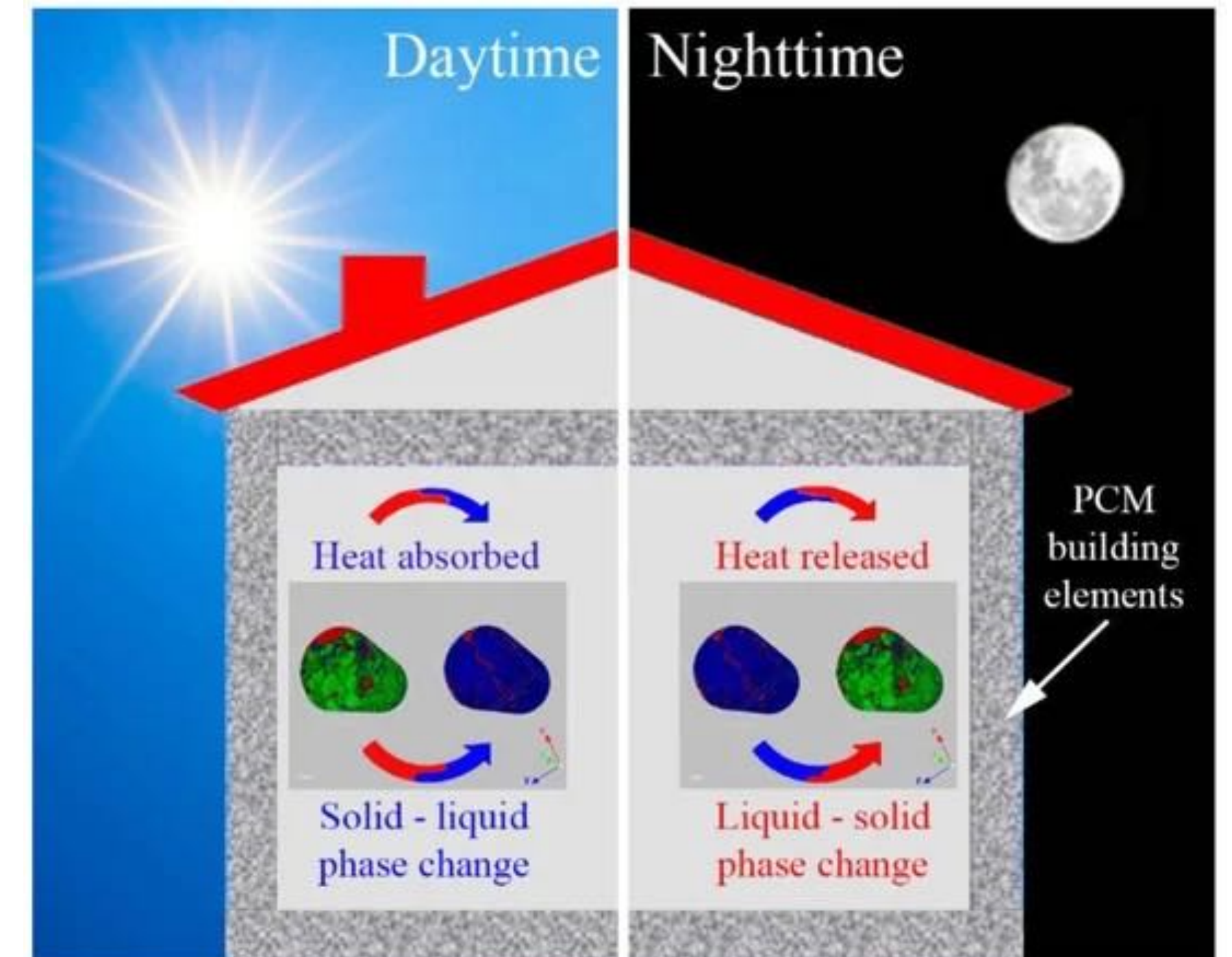
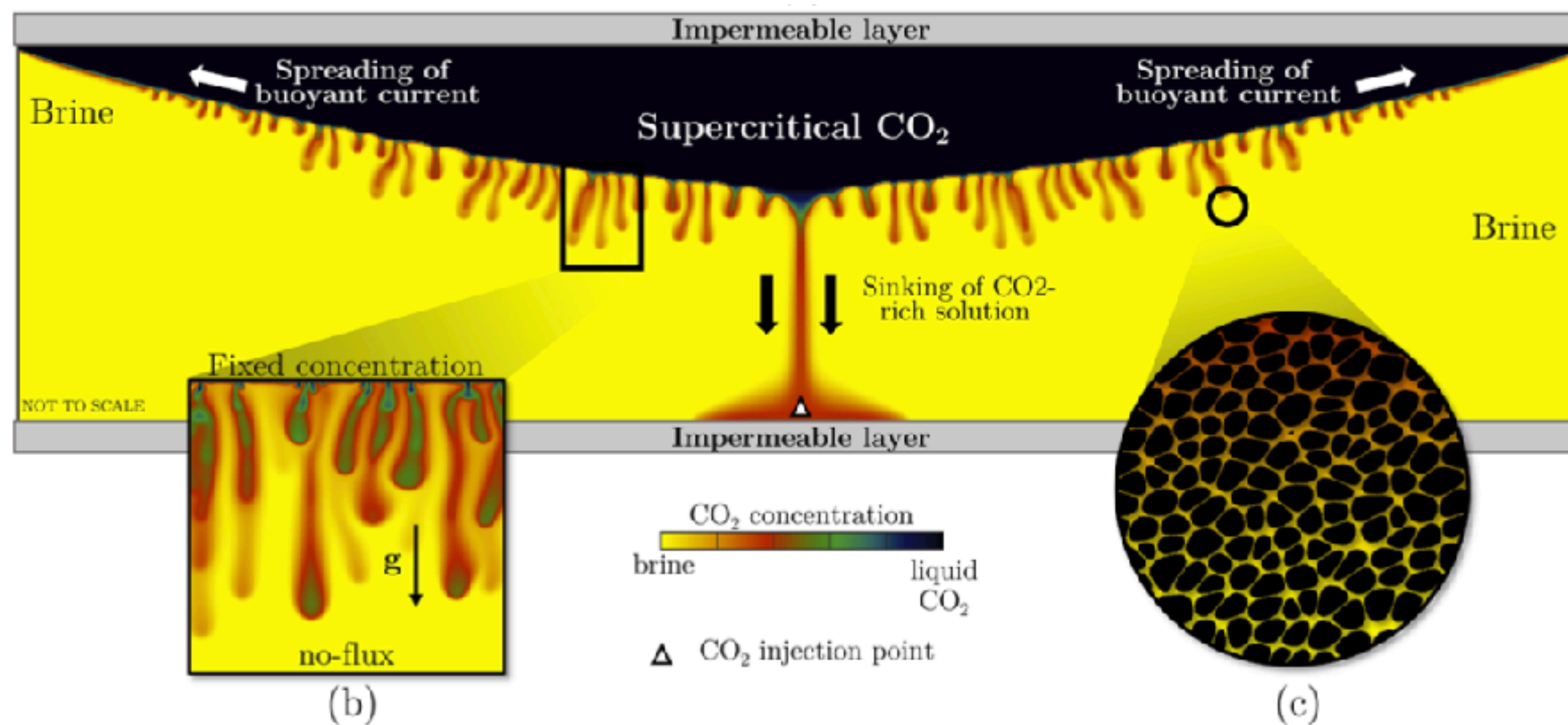
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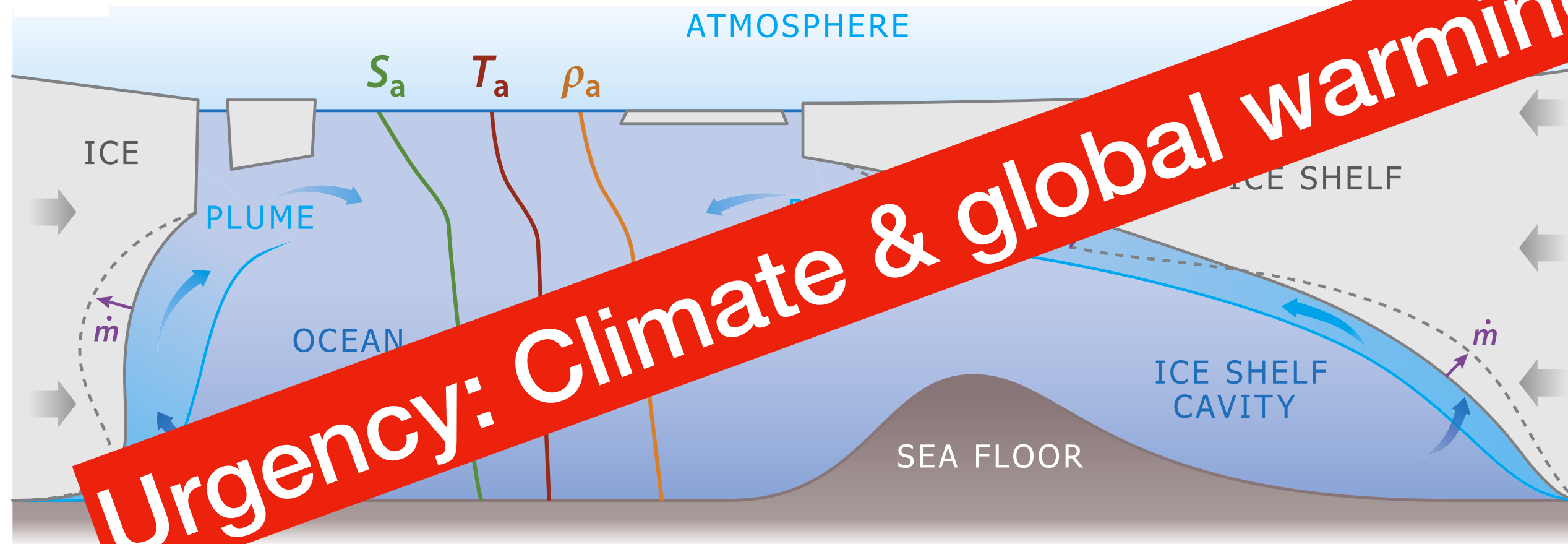
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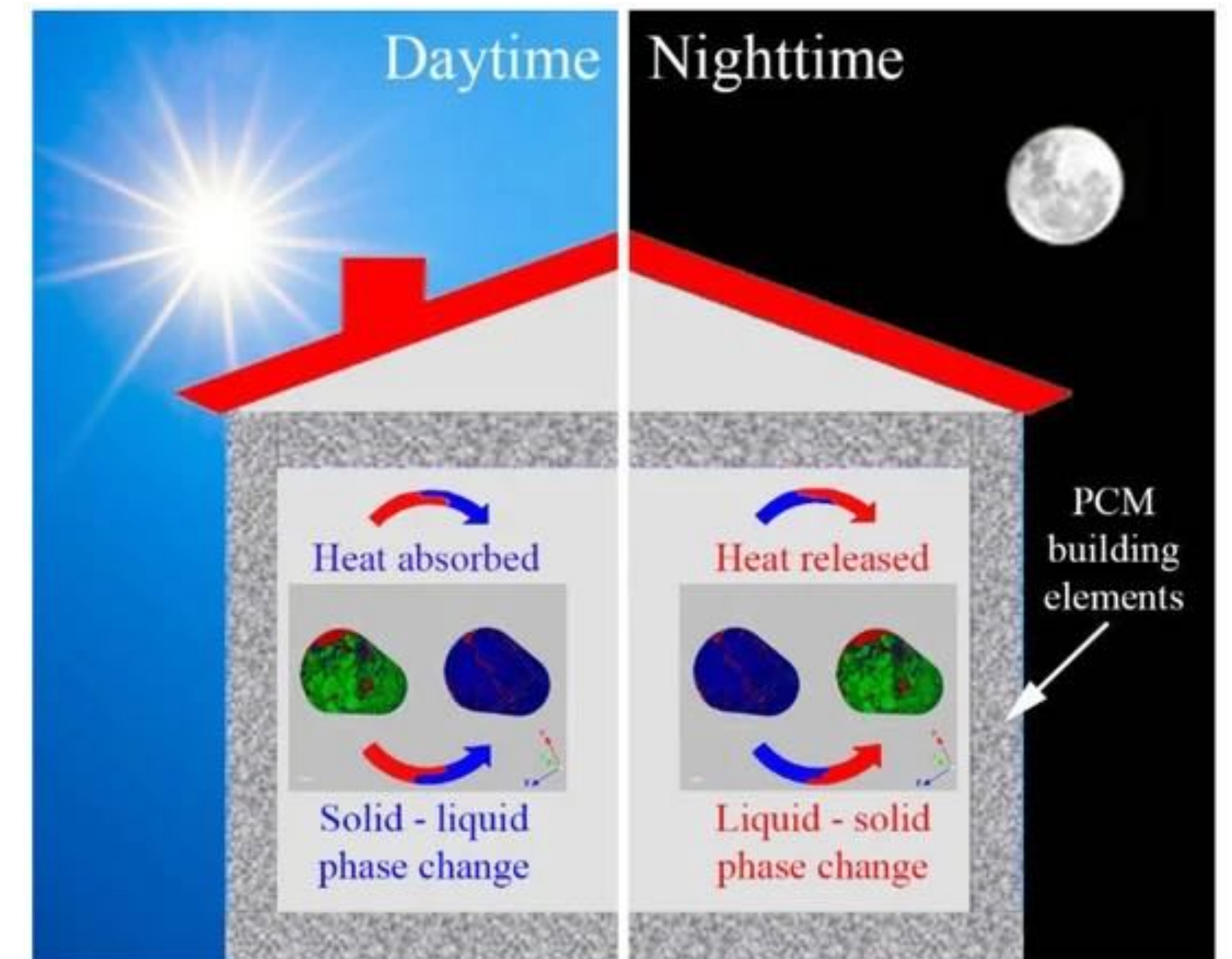
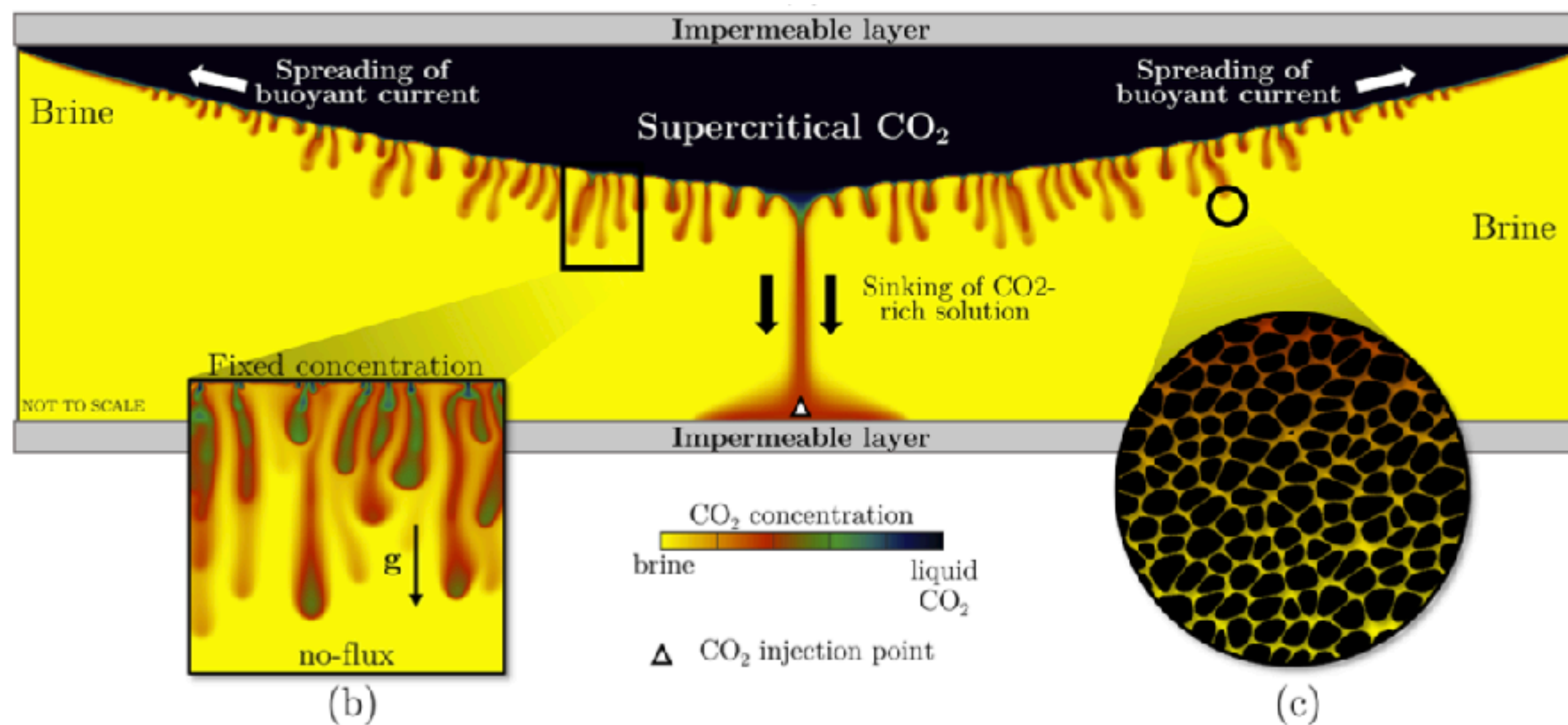
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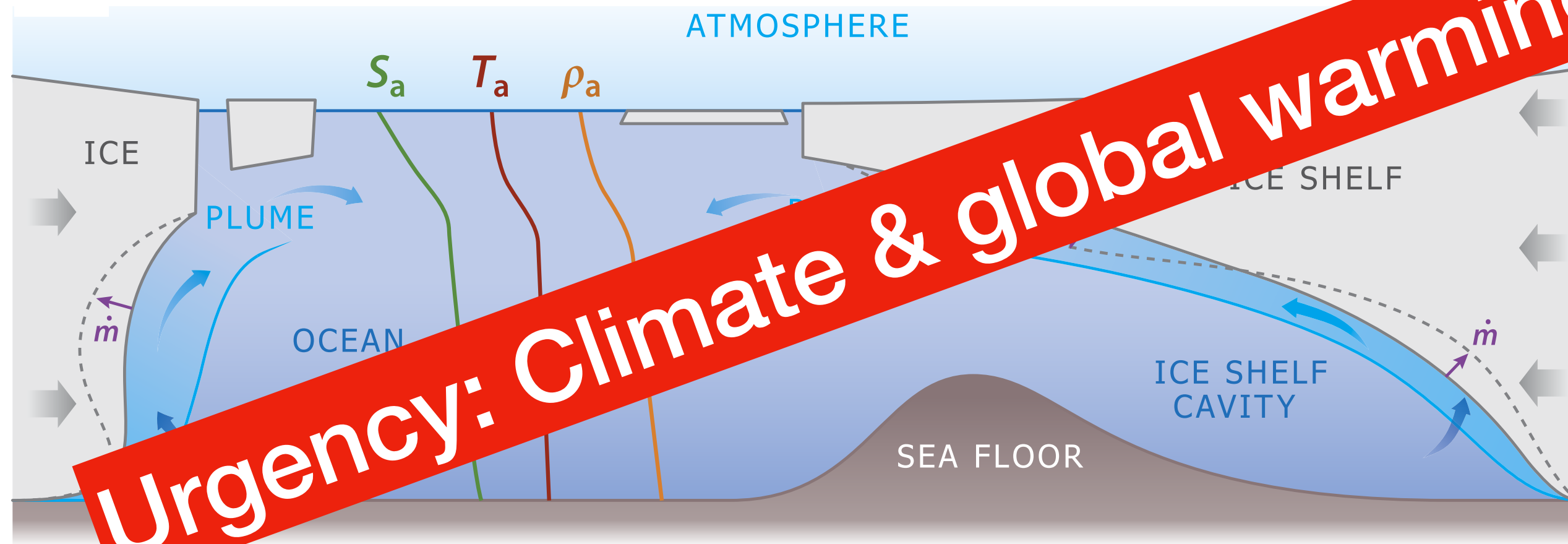
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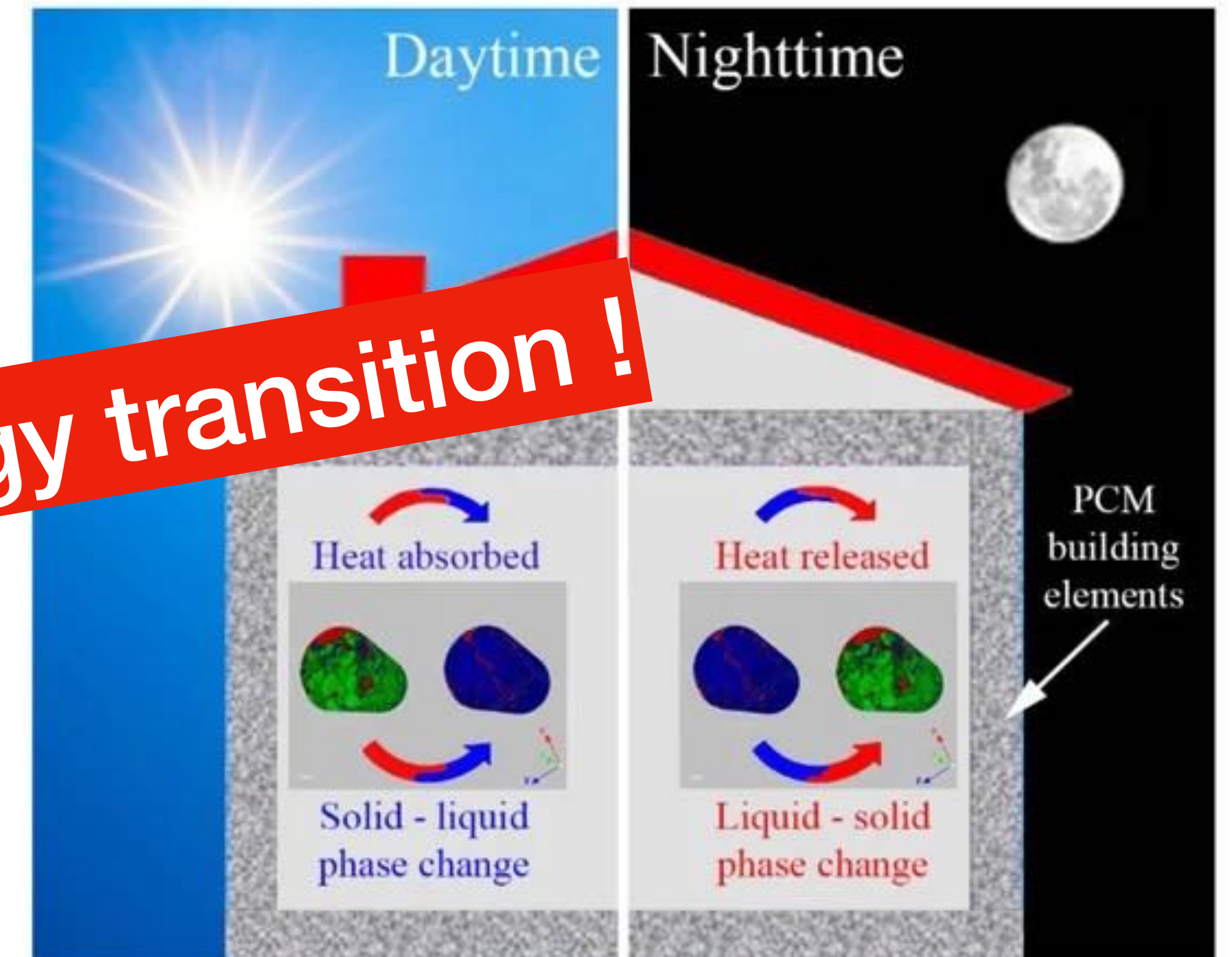
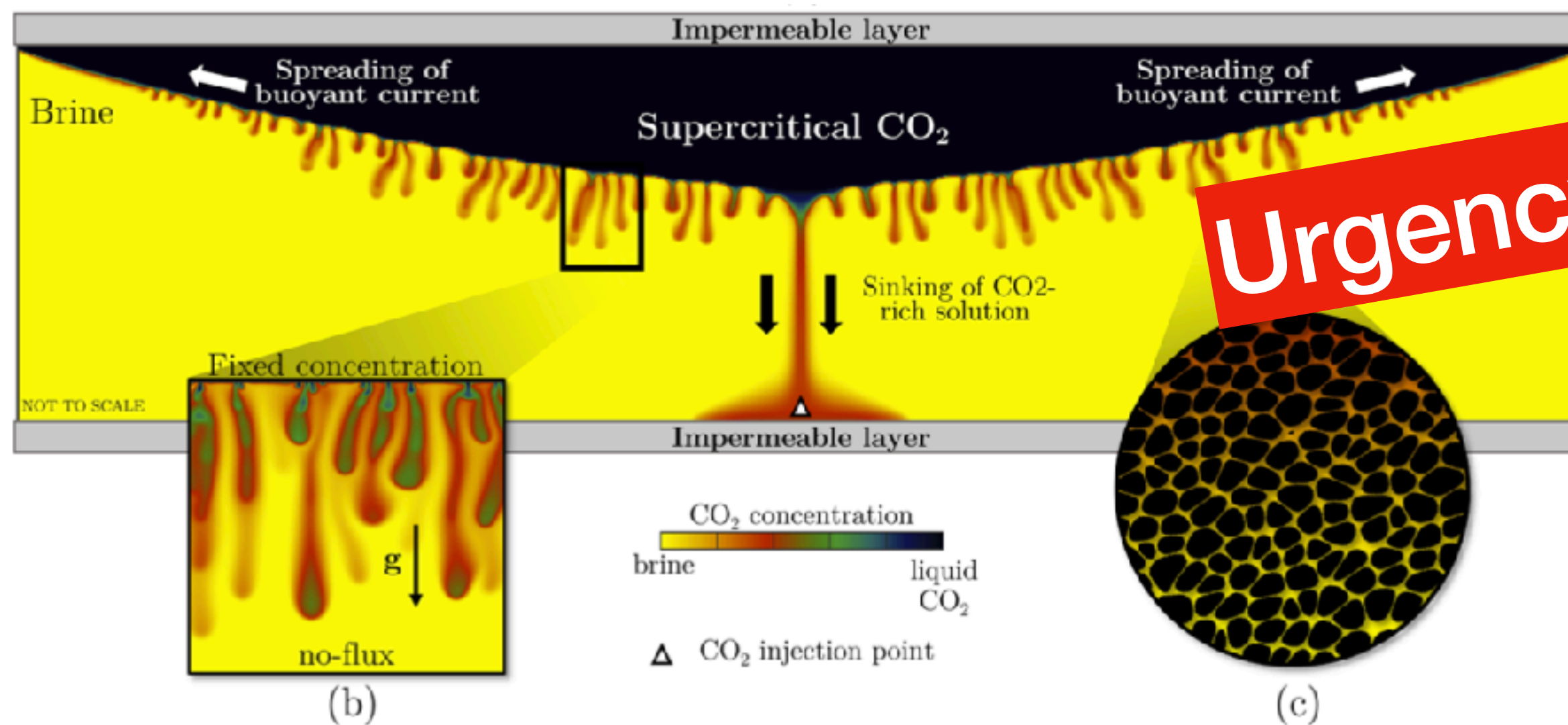
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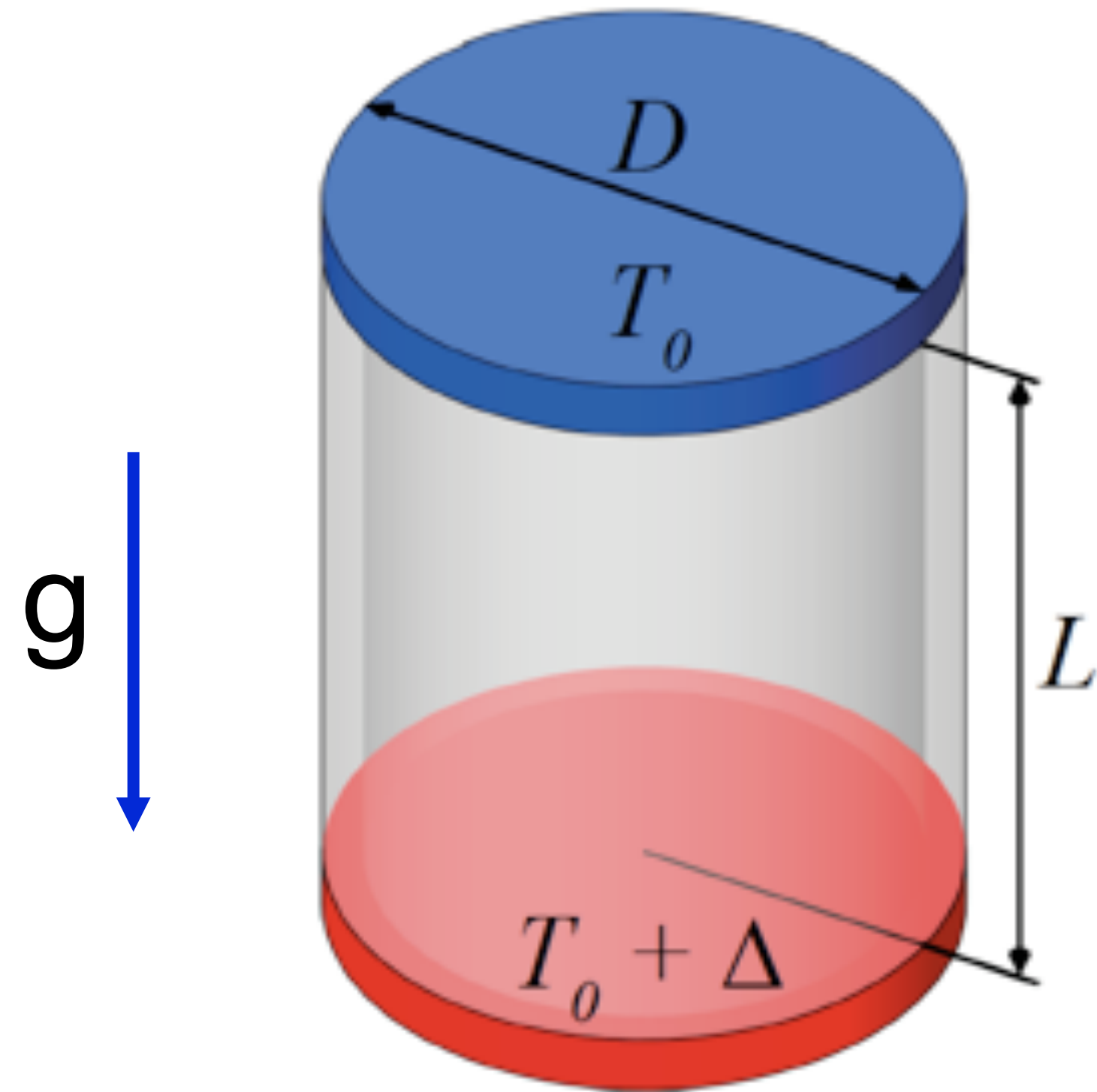
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“Drosophila” of Physics of Fluids



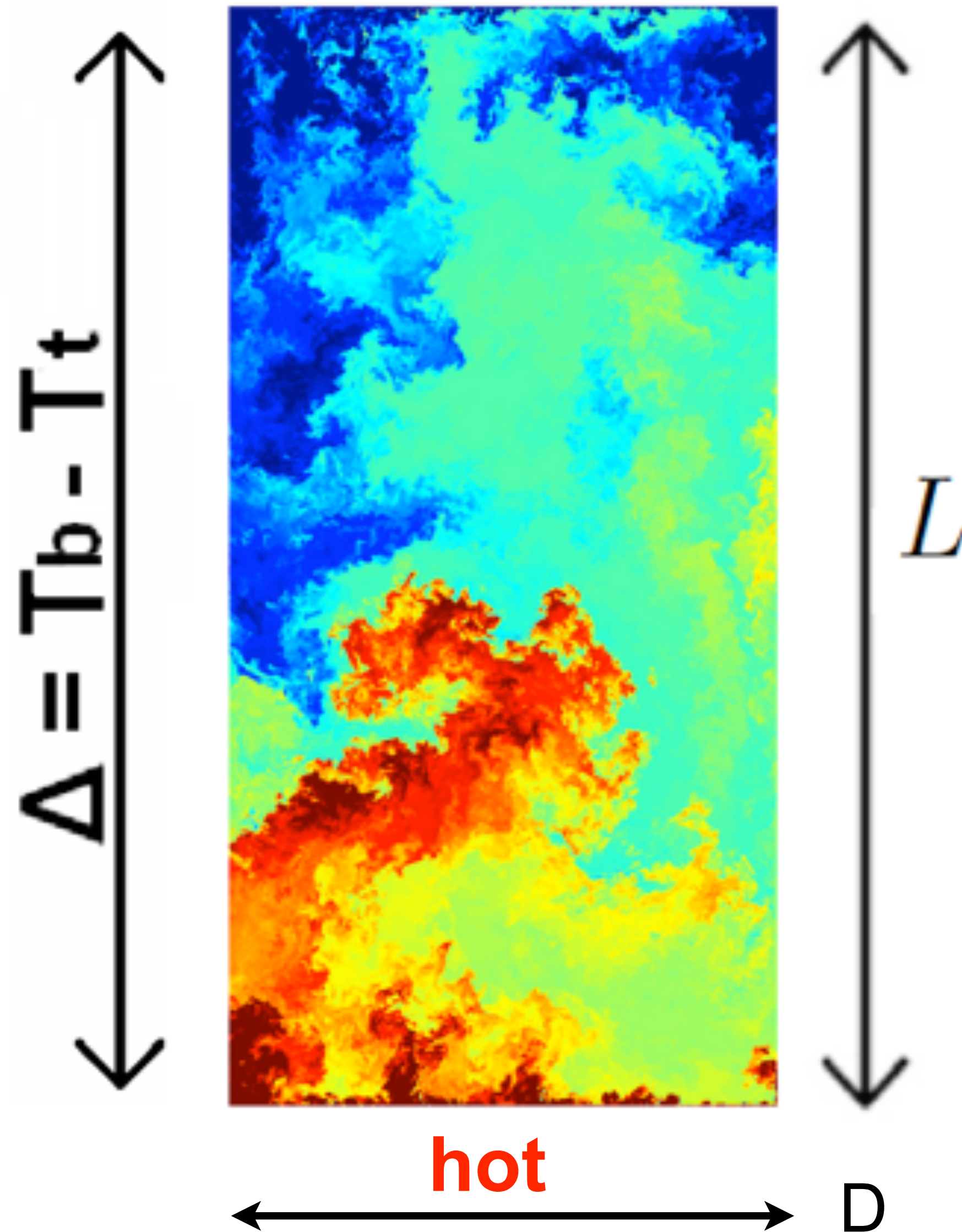
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Heat transfer

-- closed systems -- global balances -- mathematically well defined

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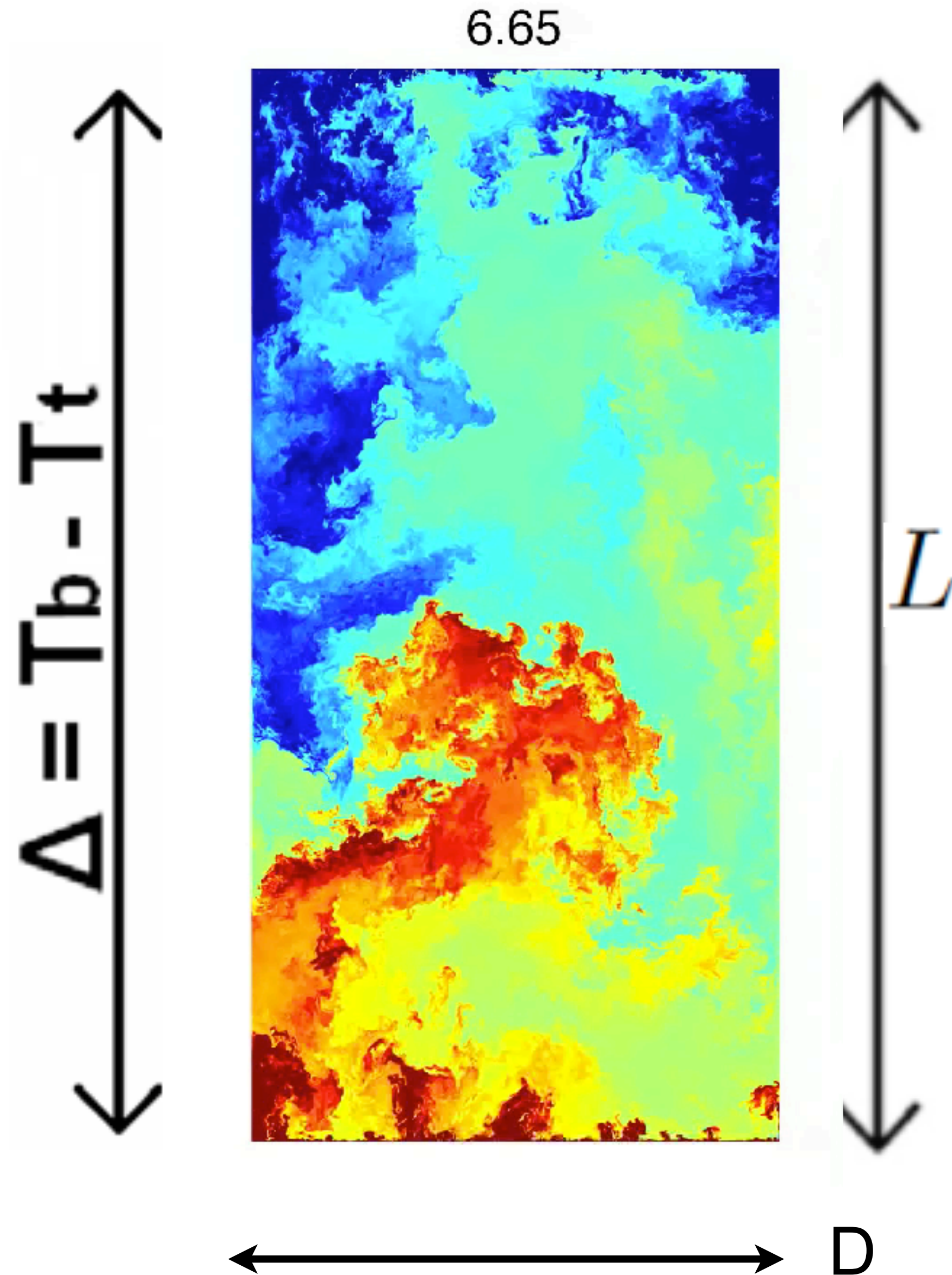
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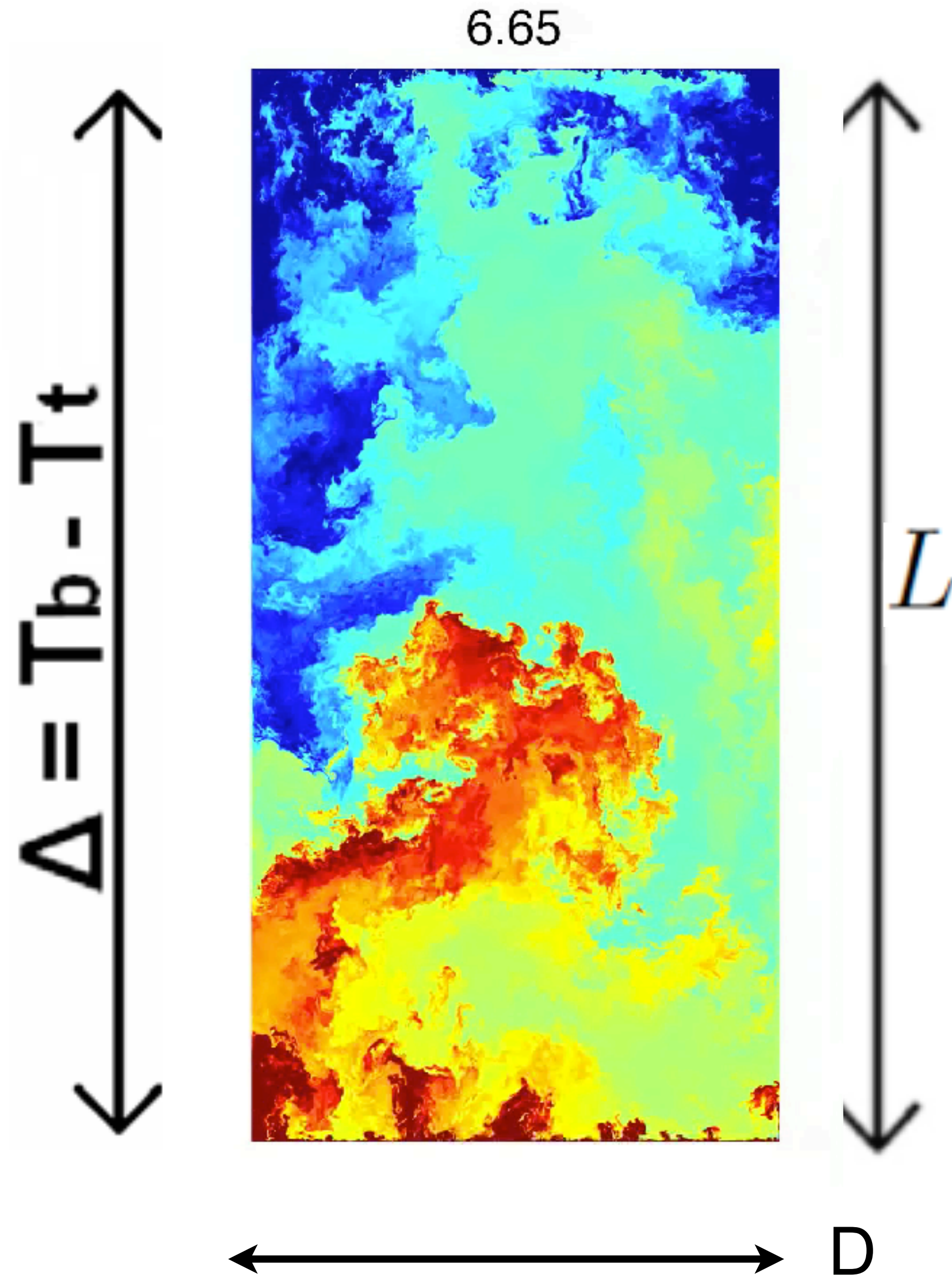
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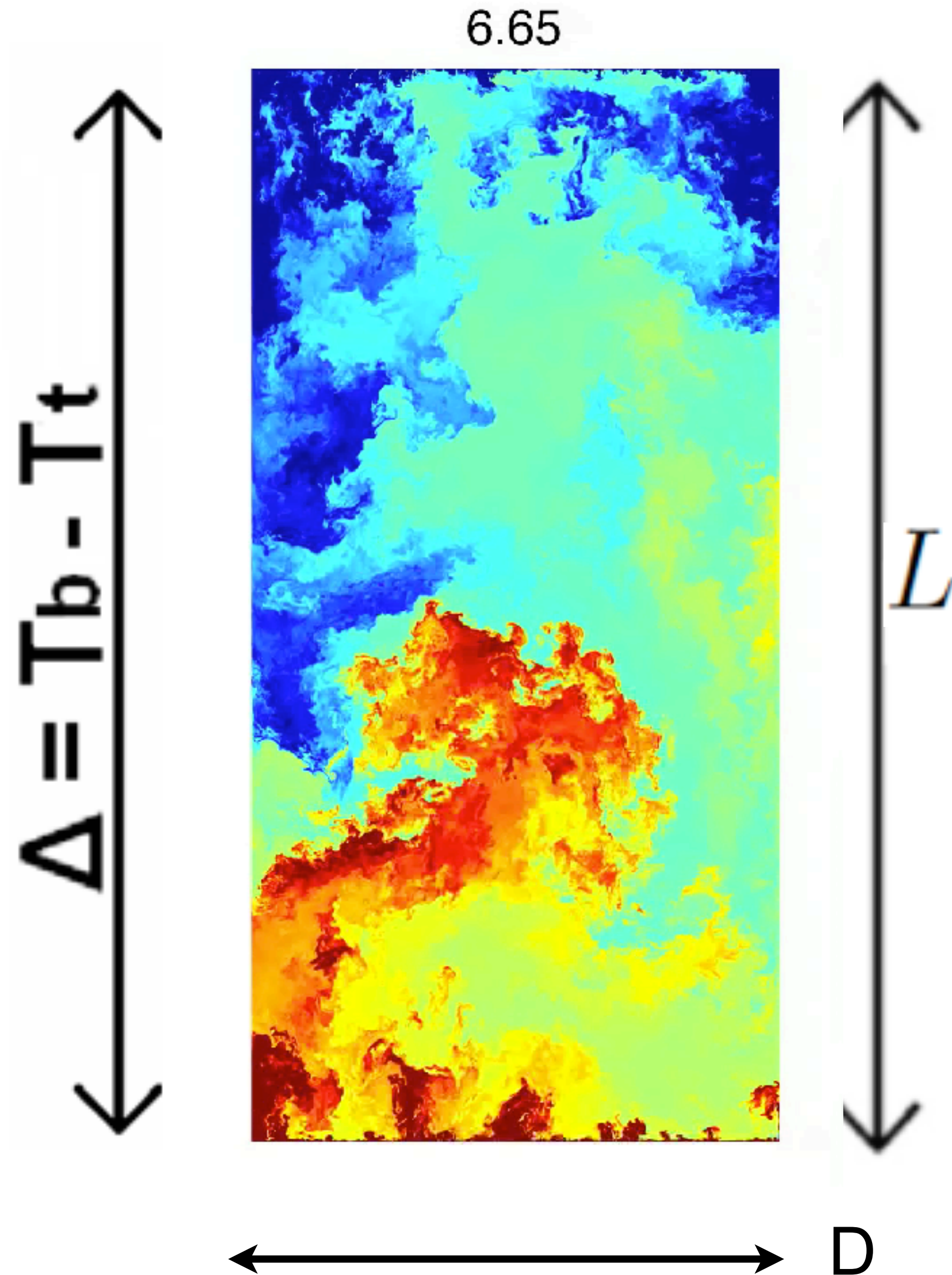
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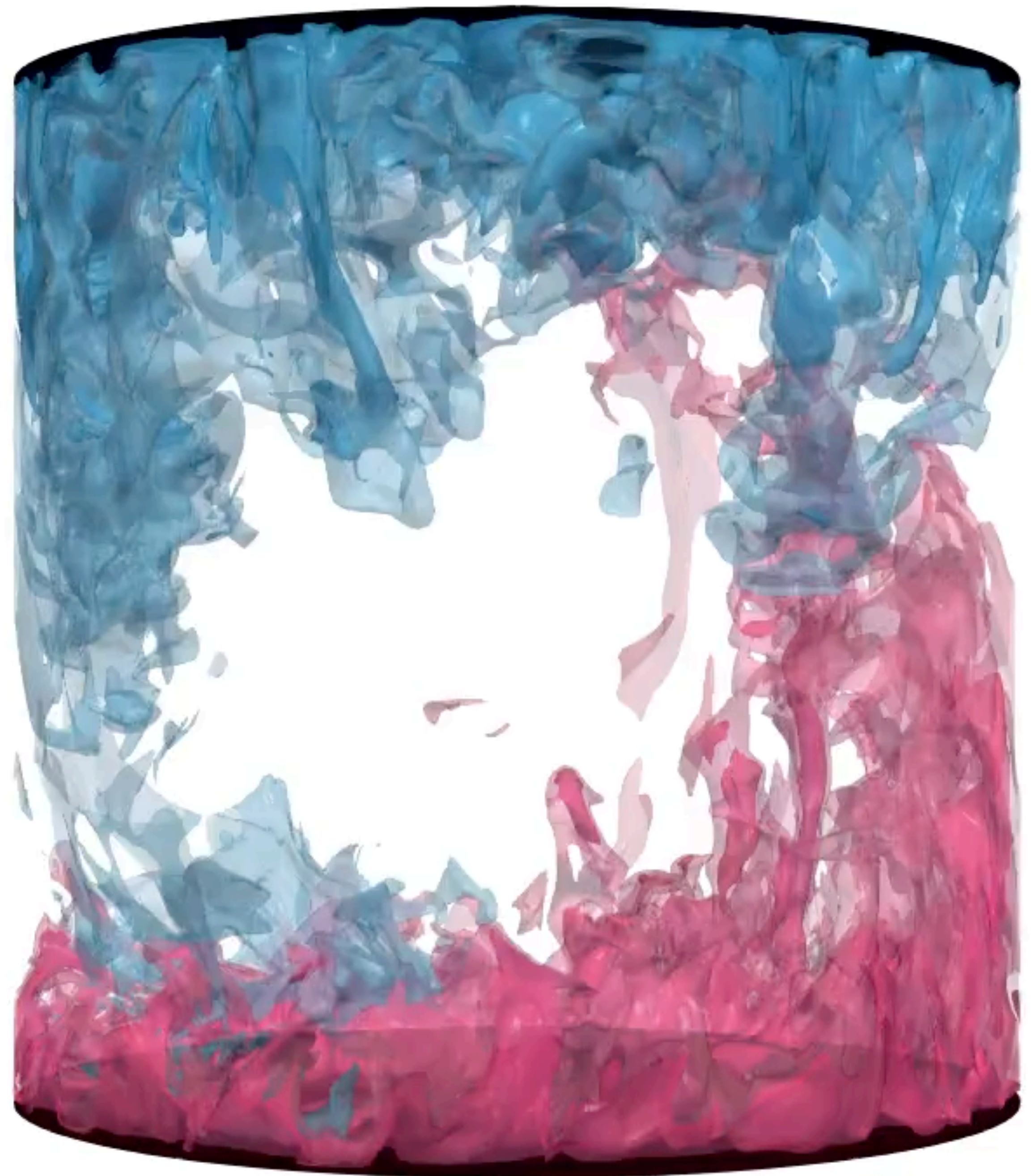
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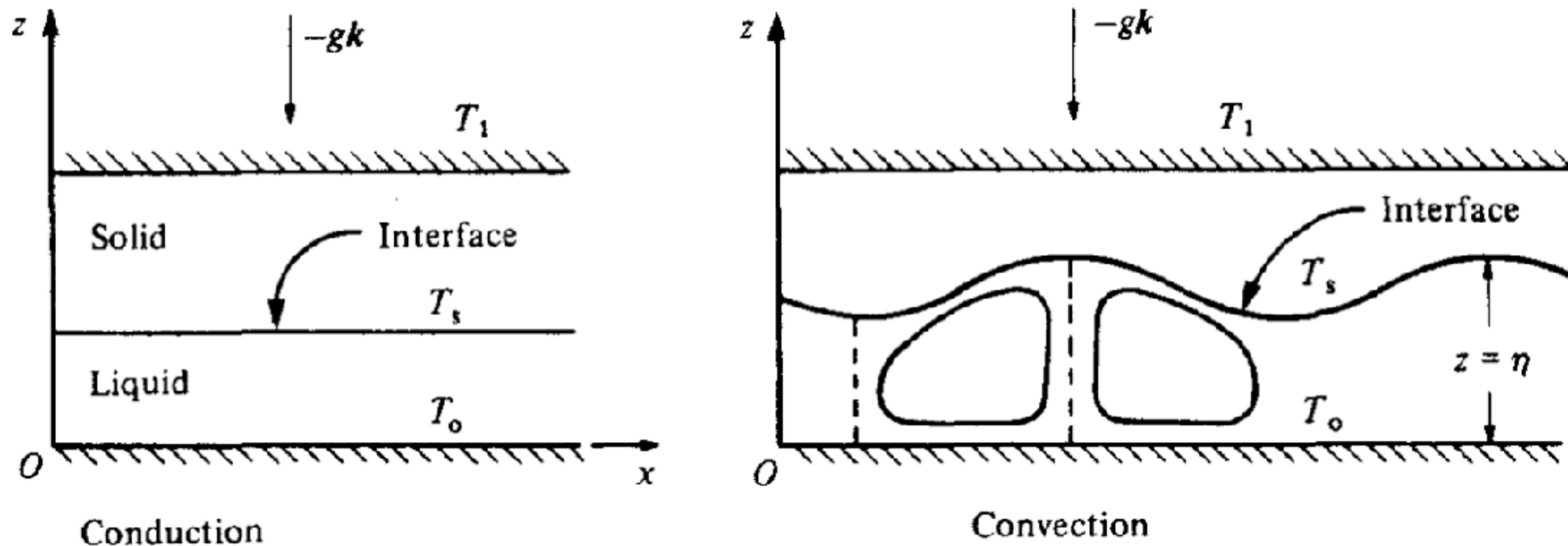
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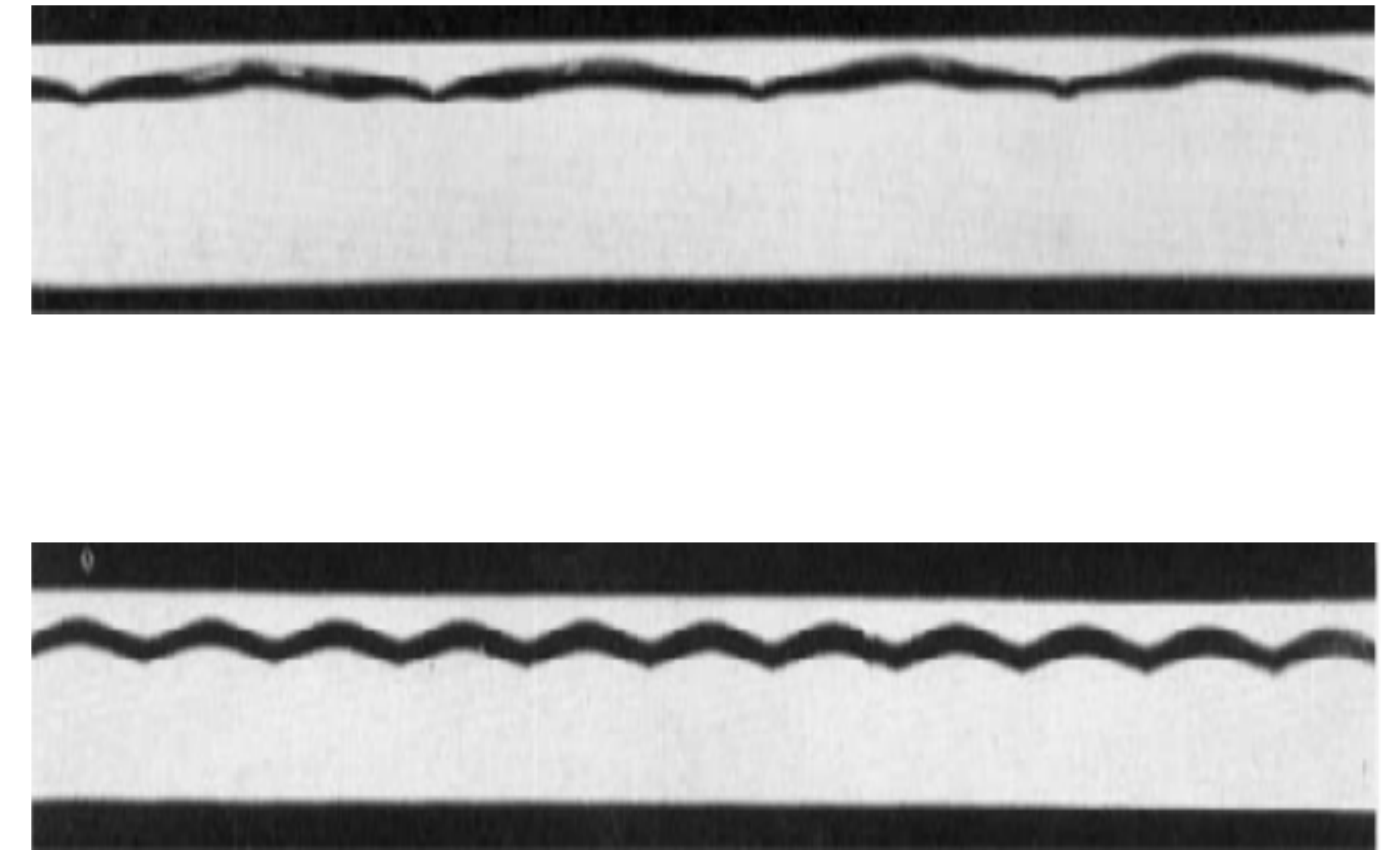
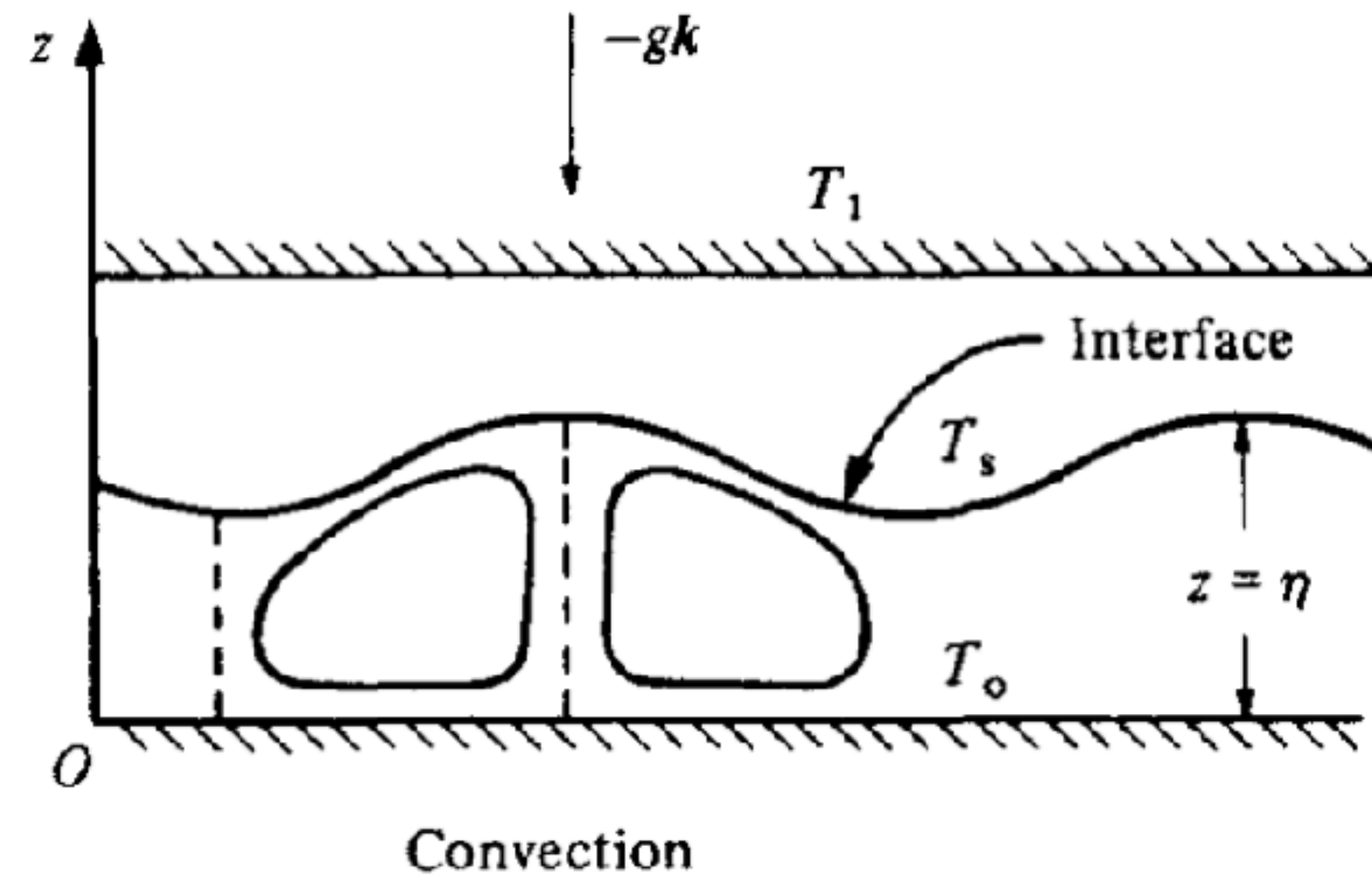
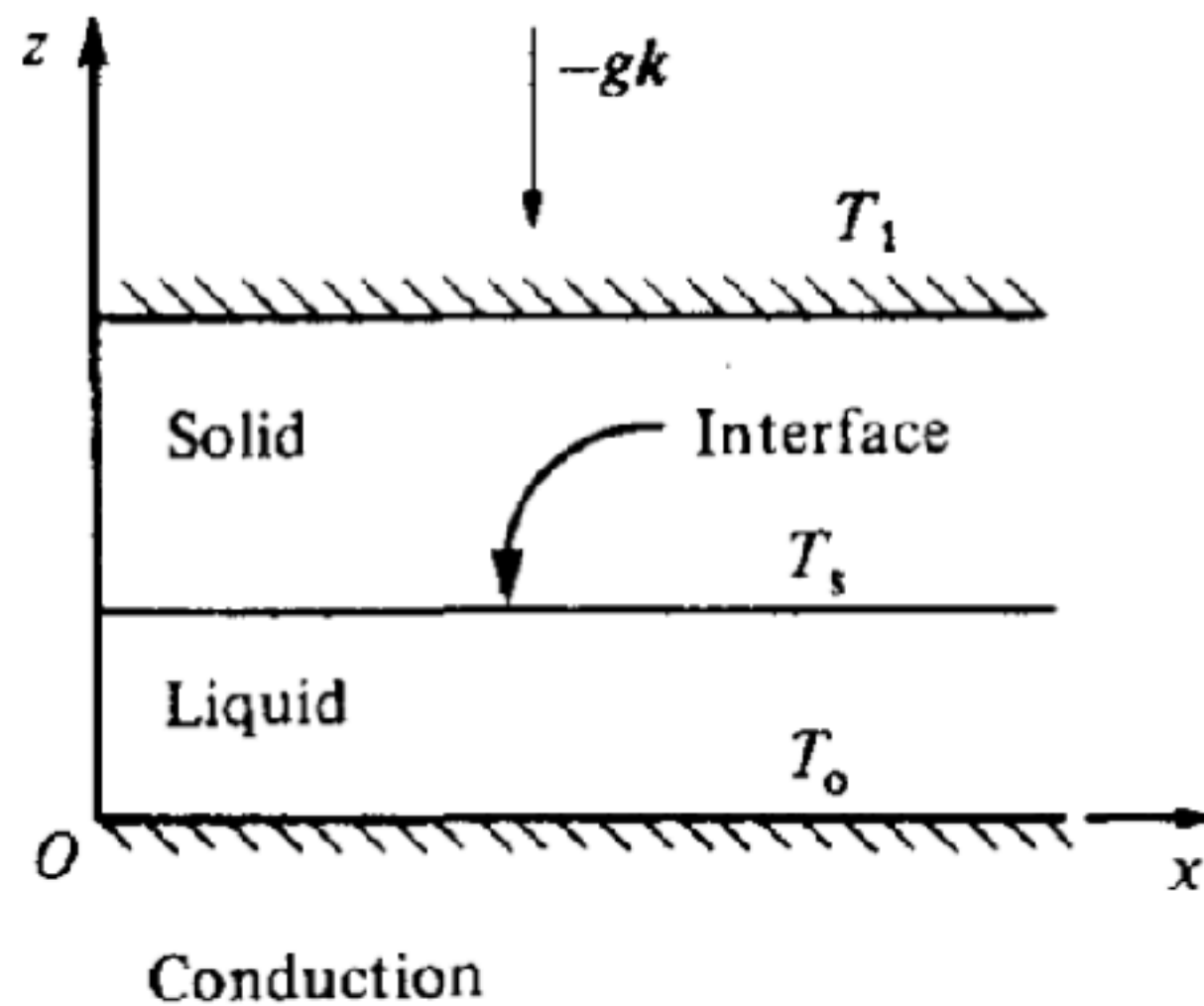


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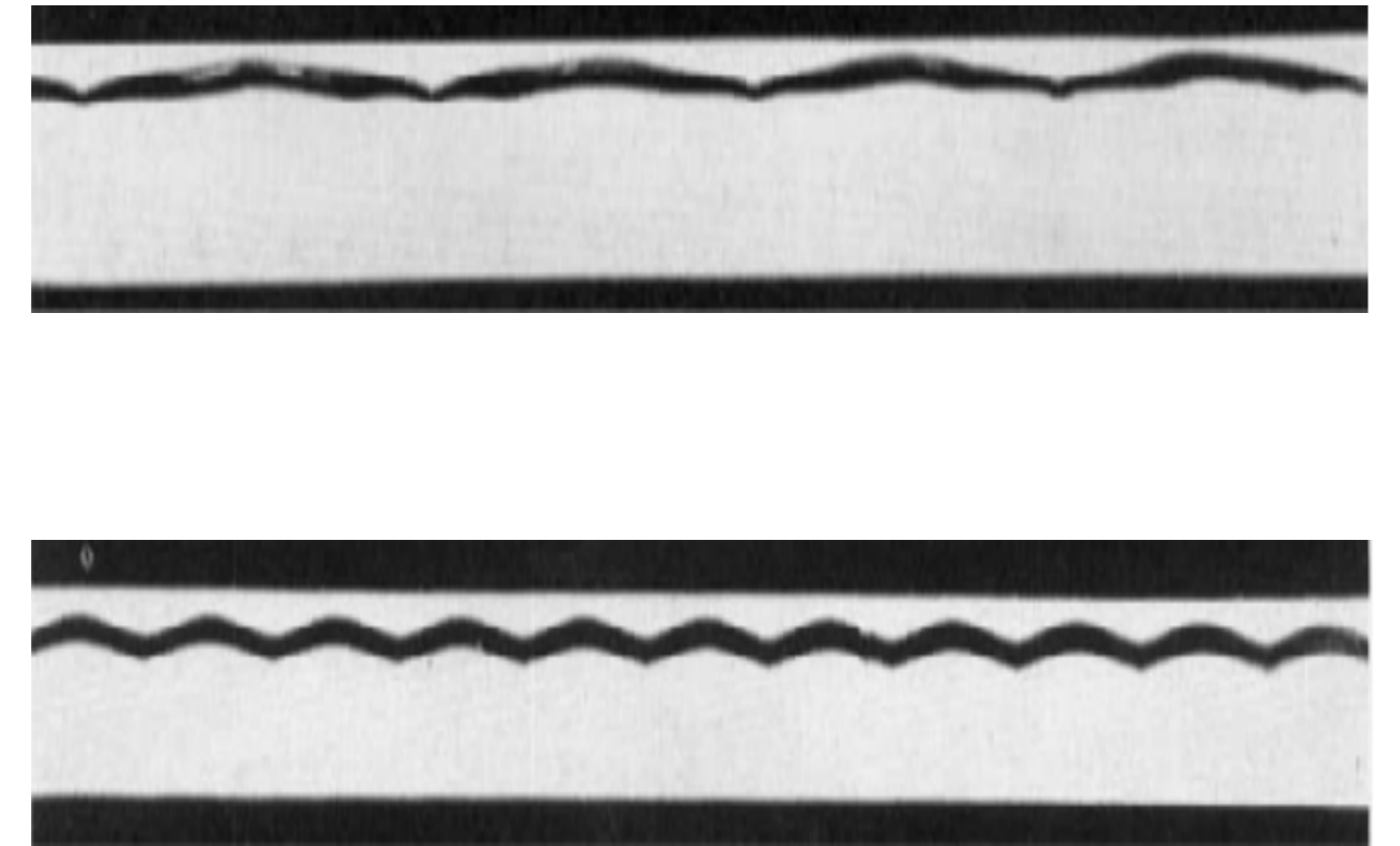
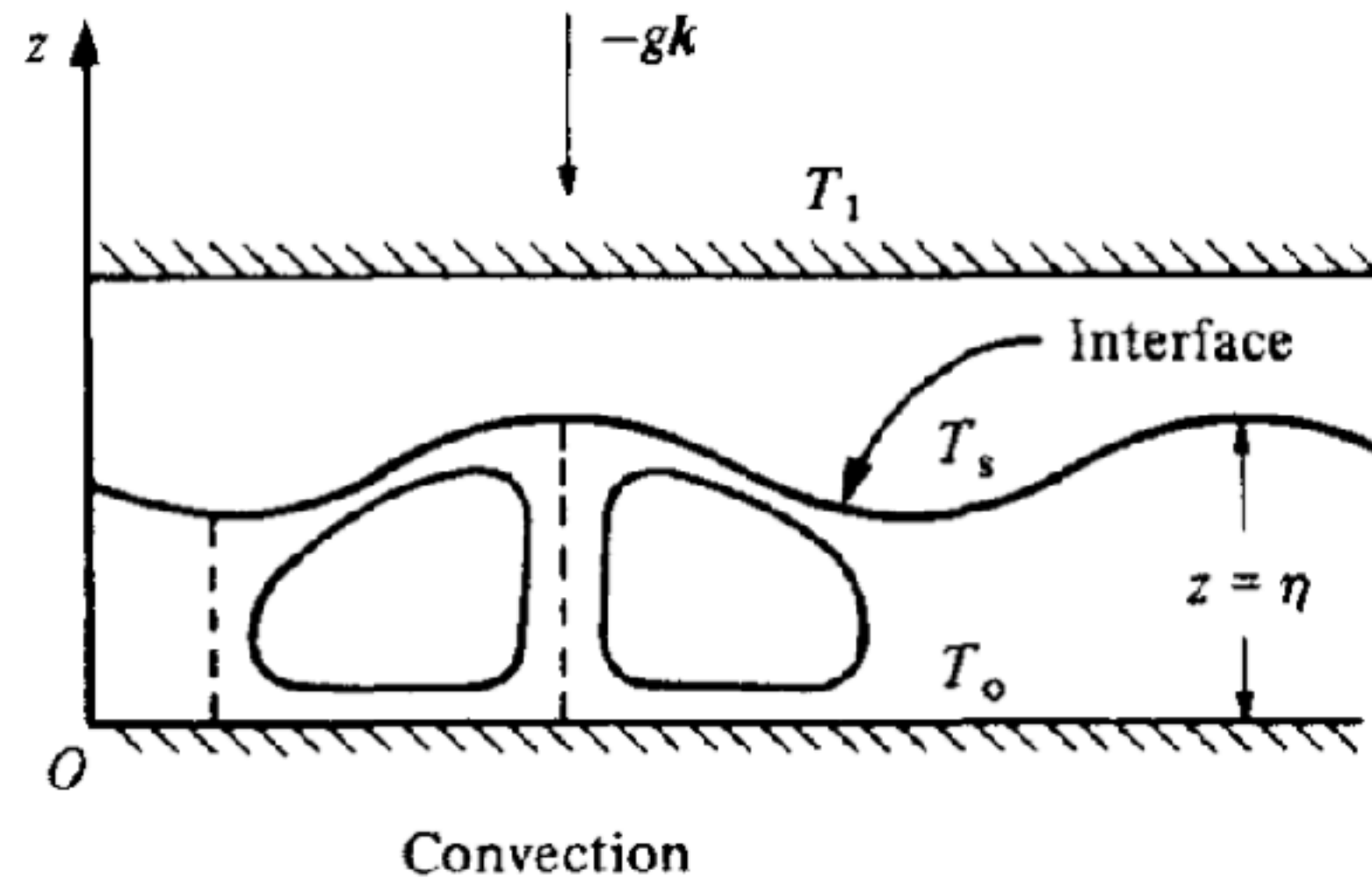
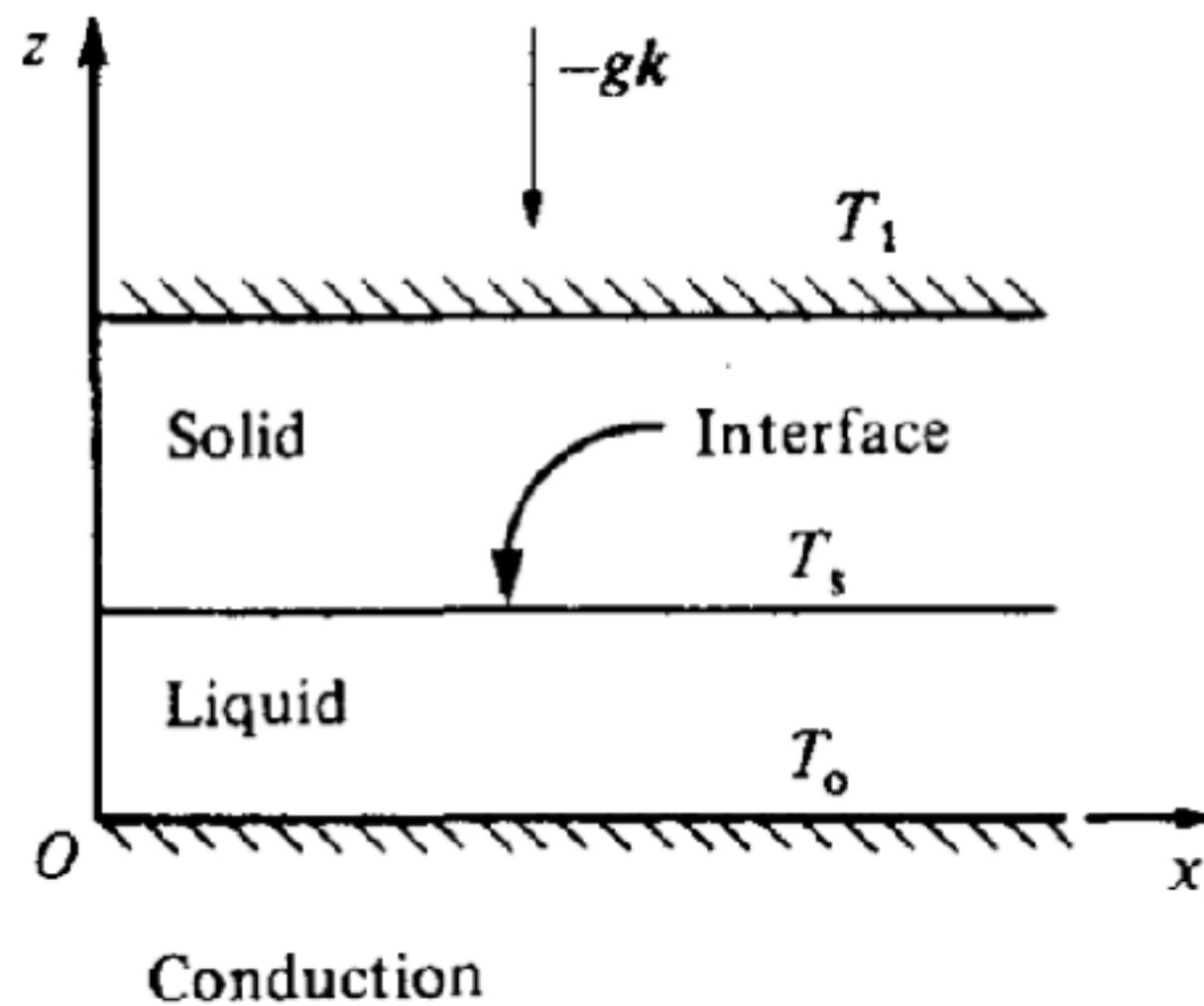
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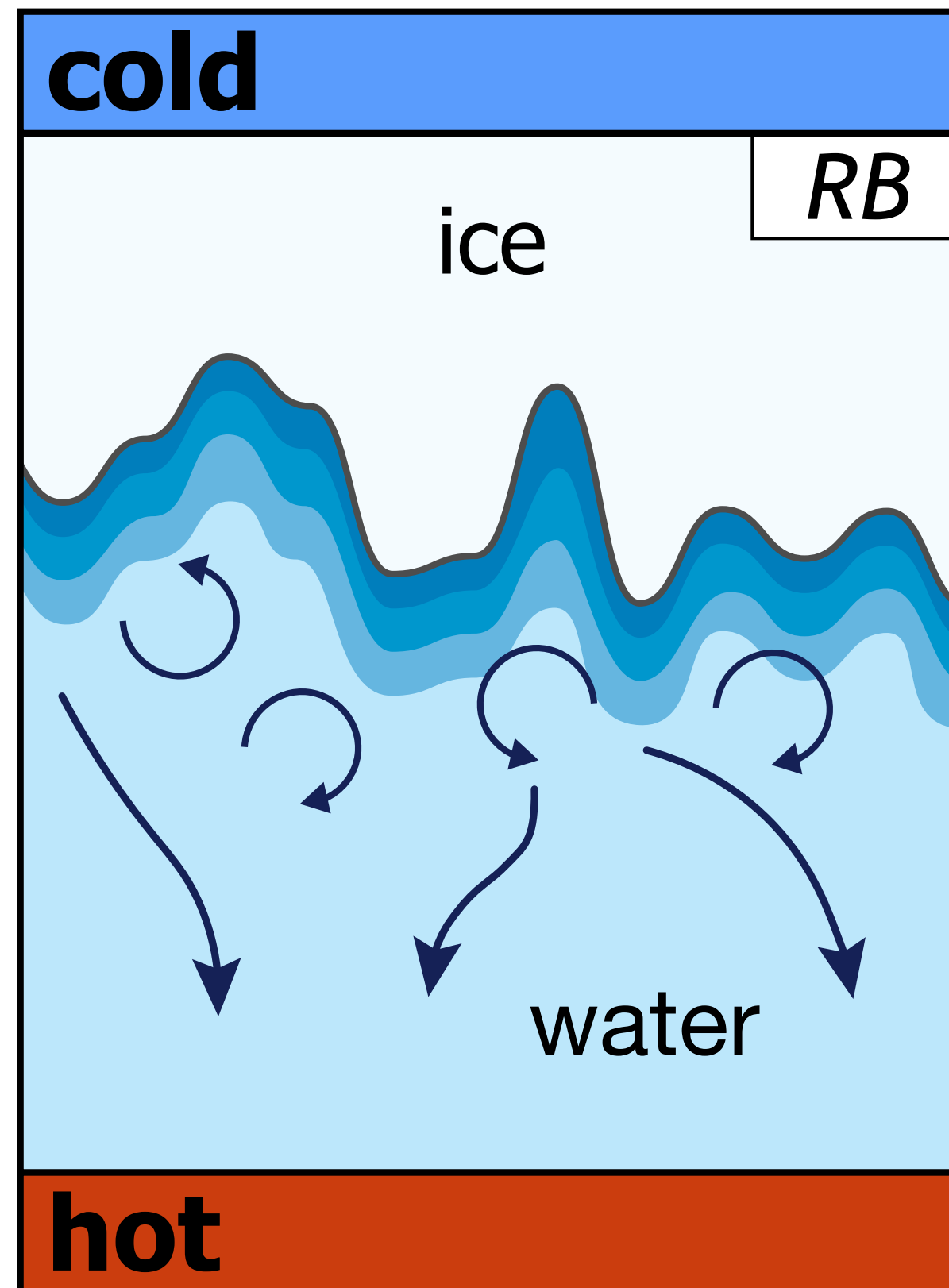


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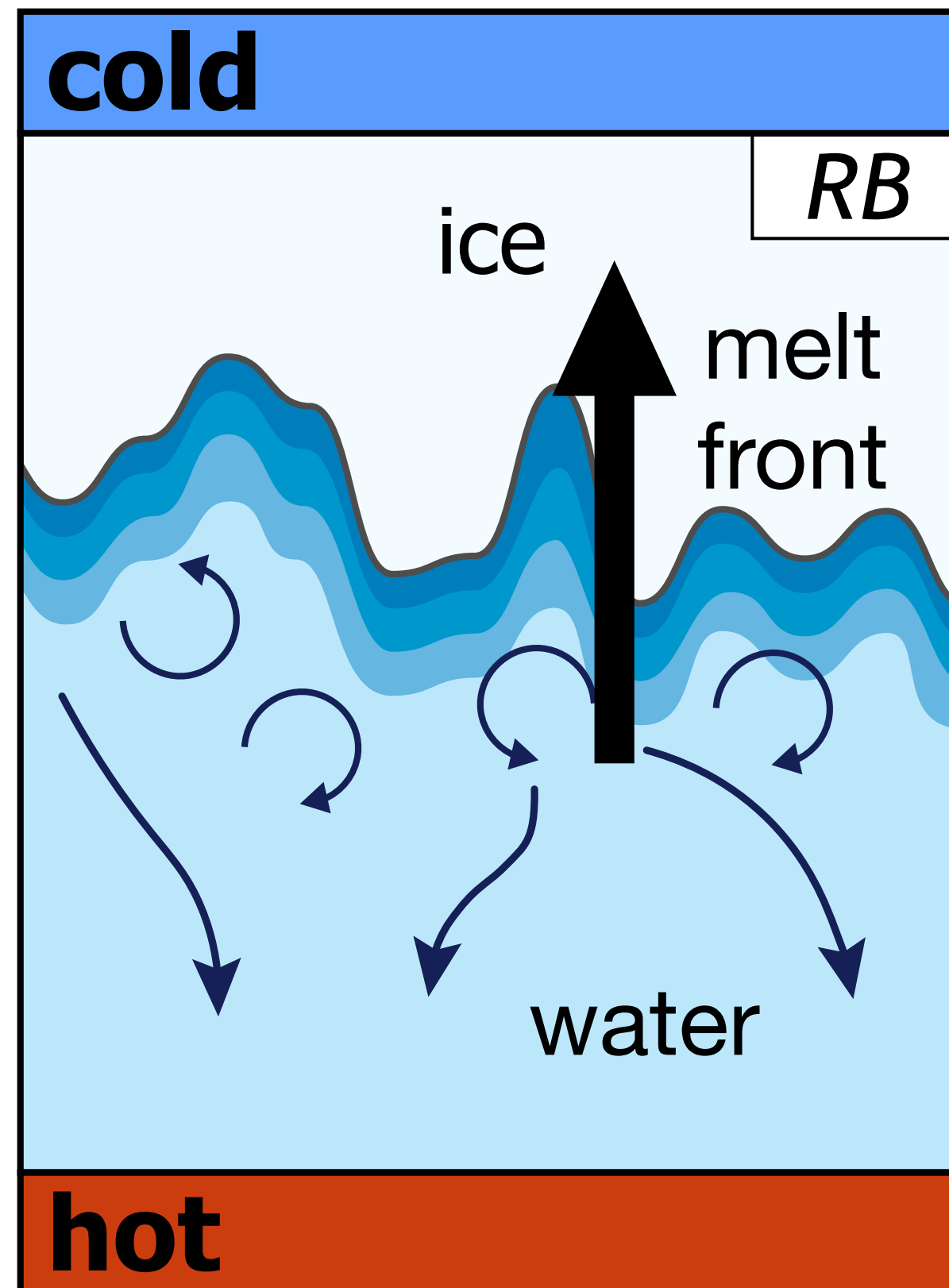
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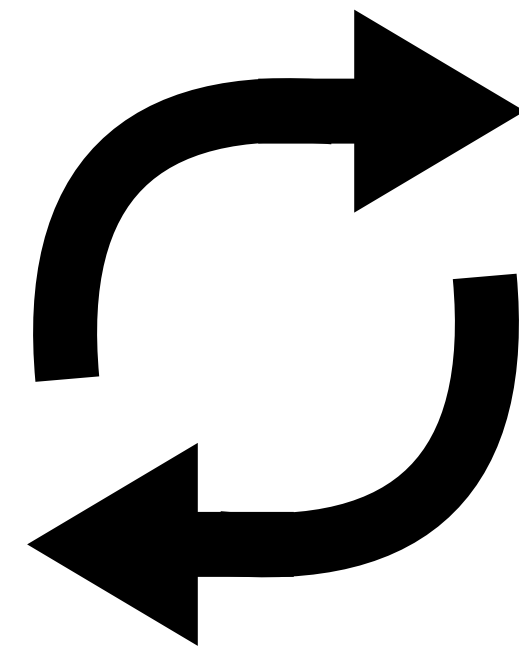
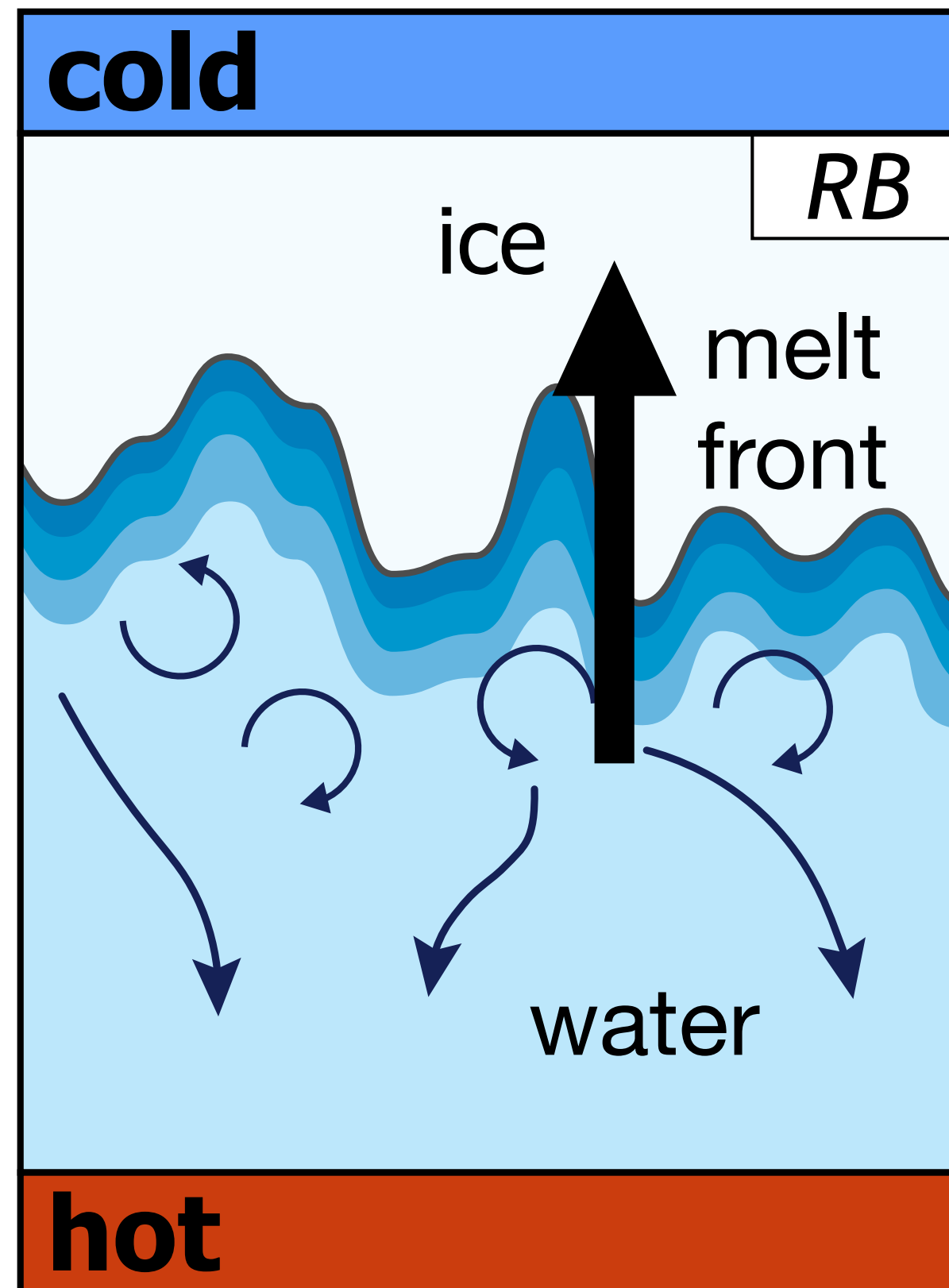
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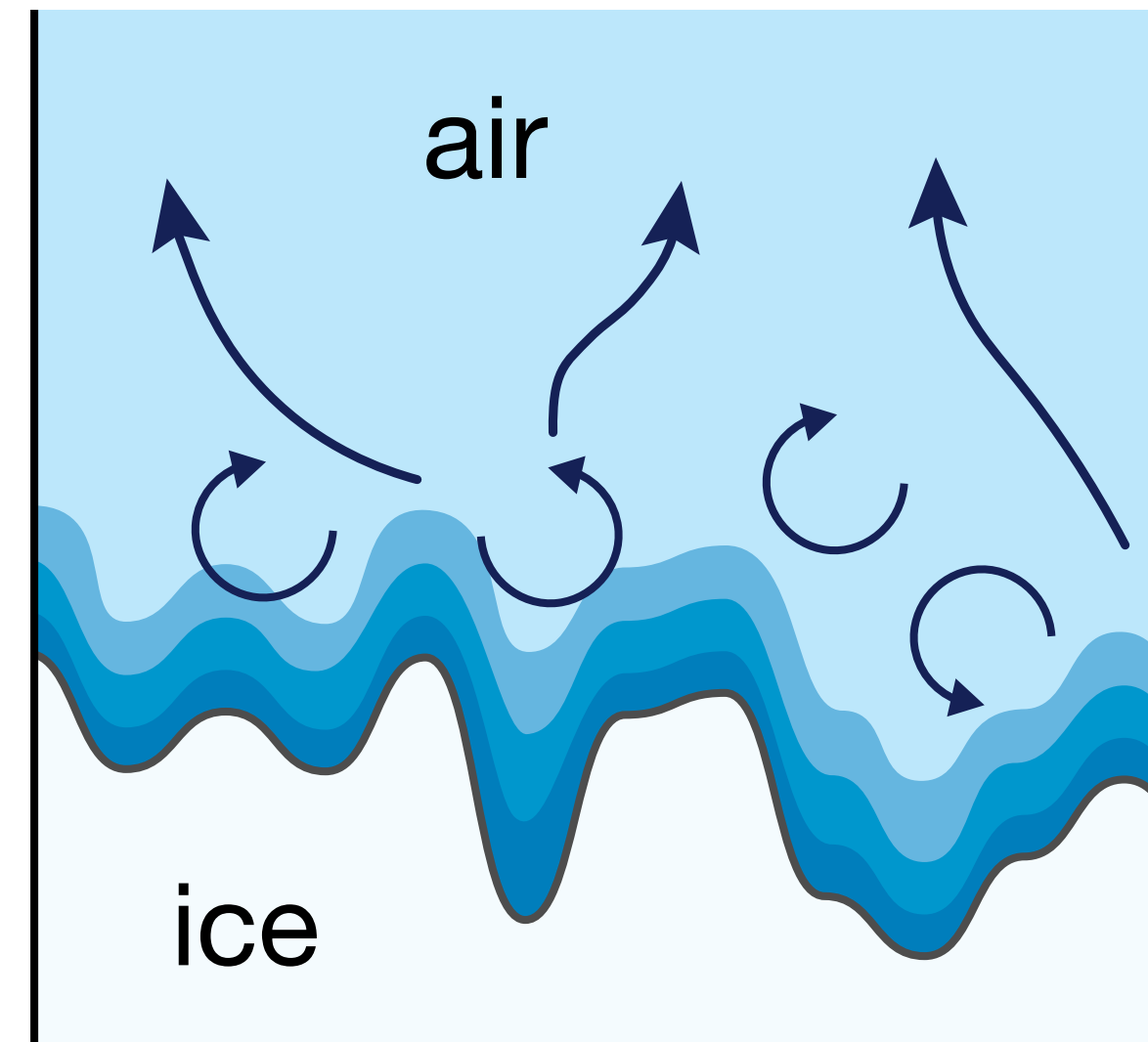
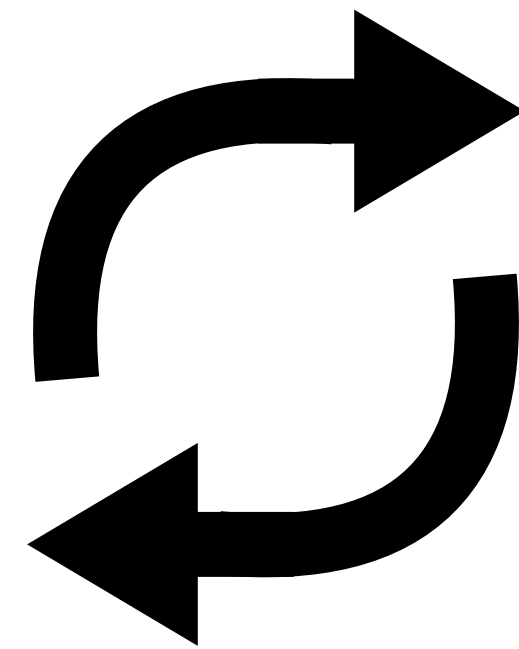
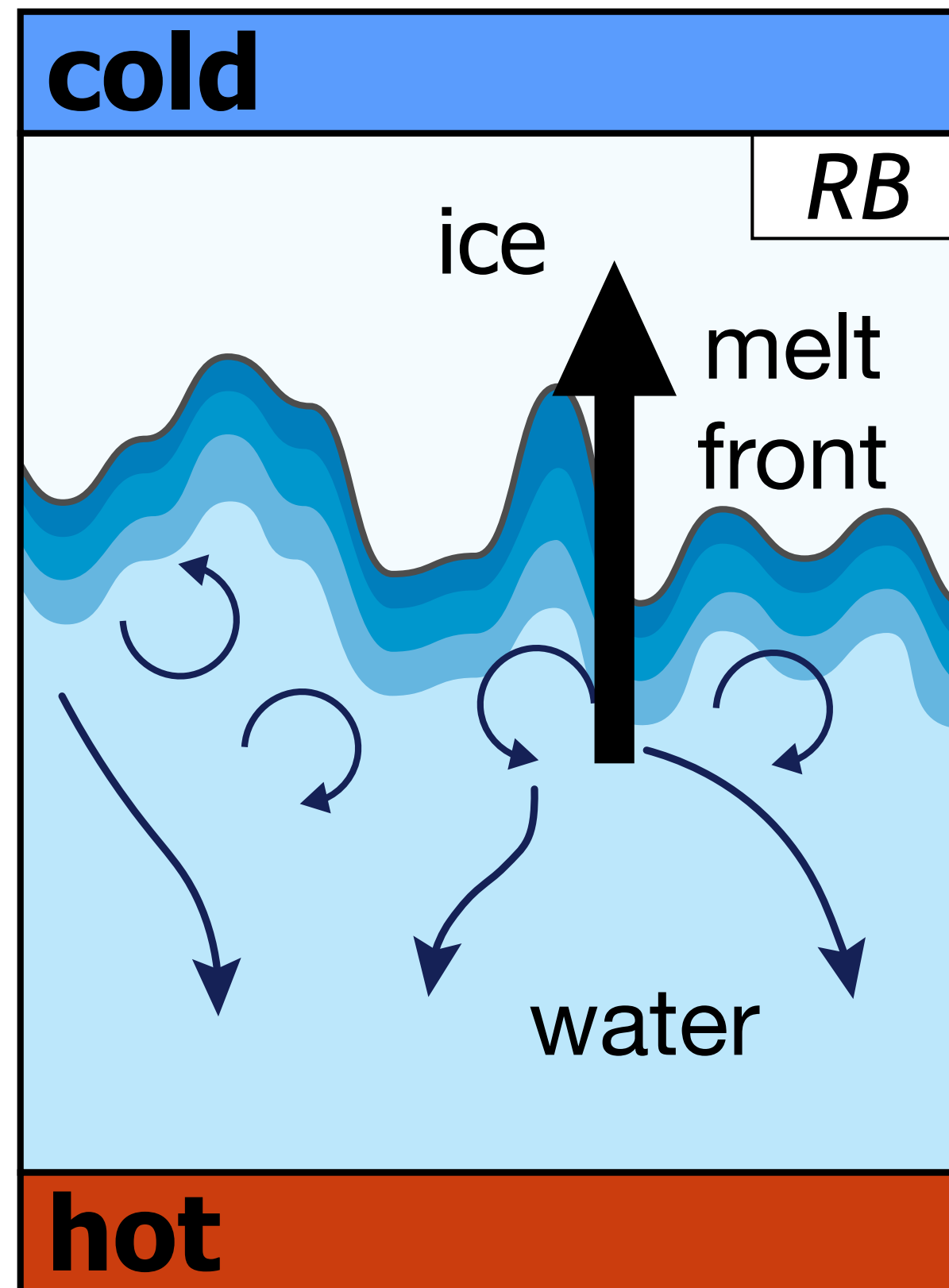
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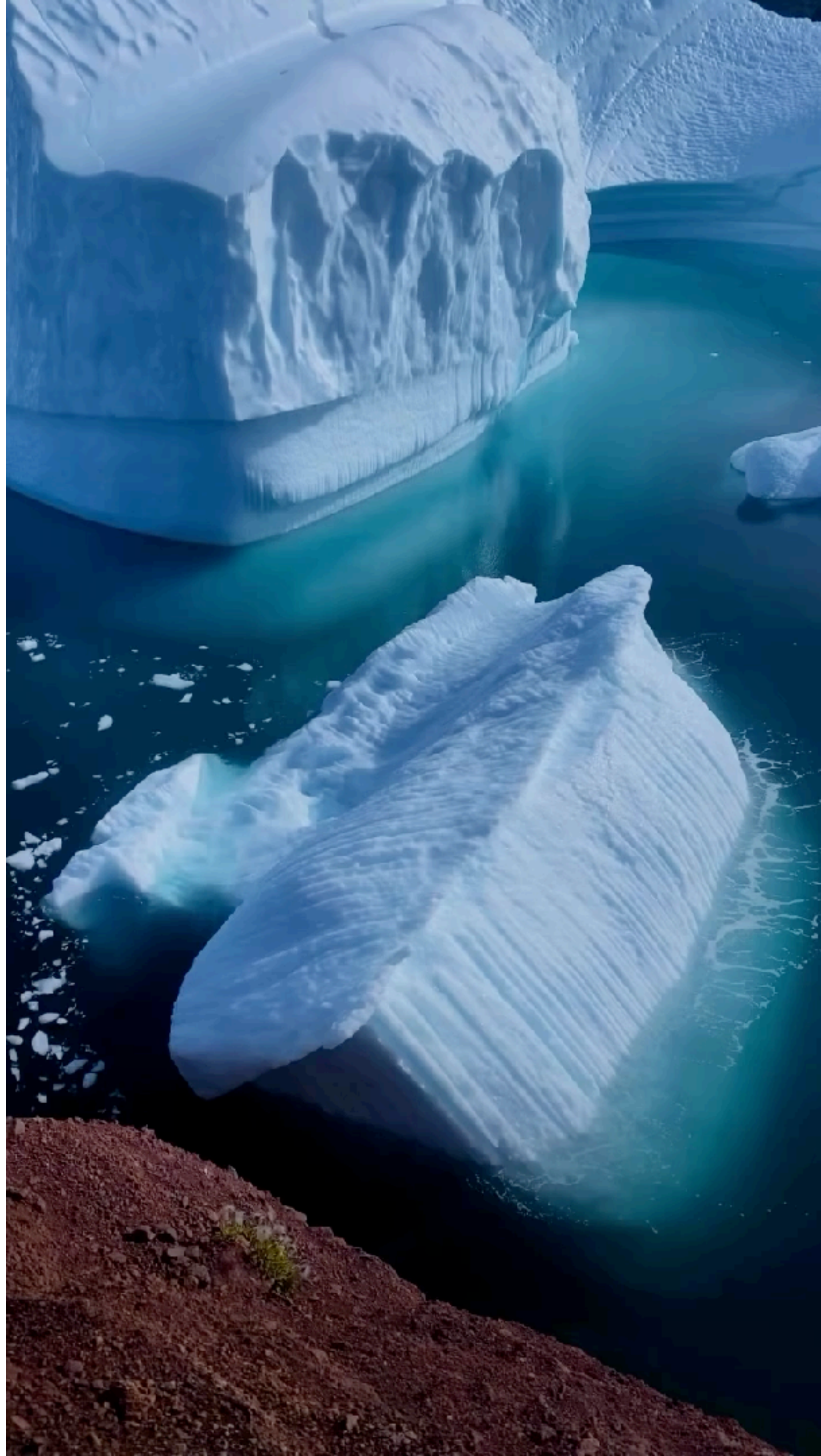


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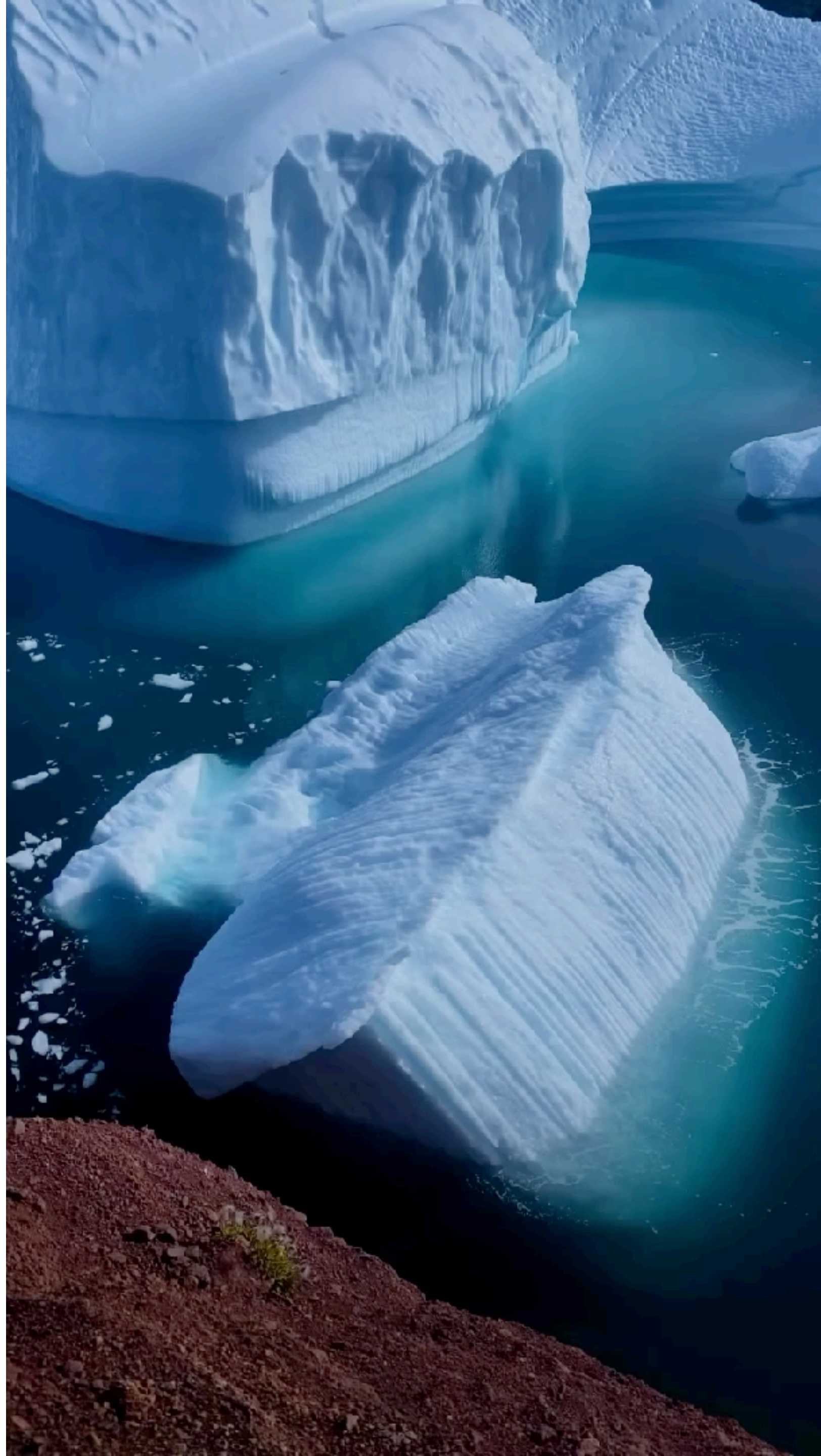


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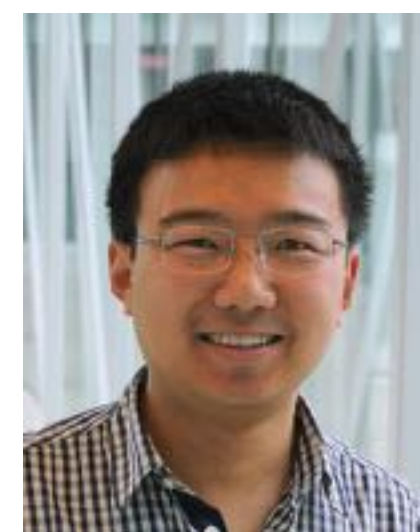
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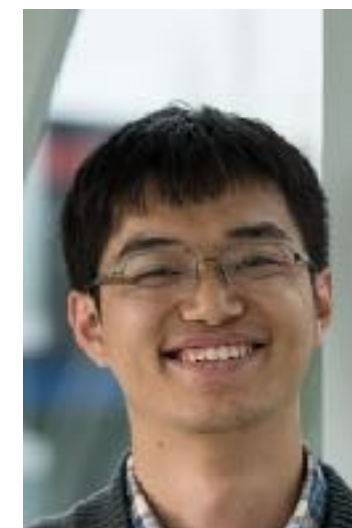
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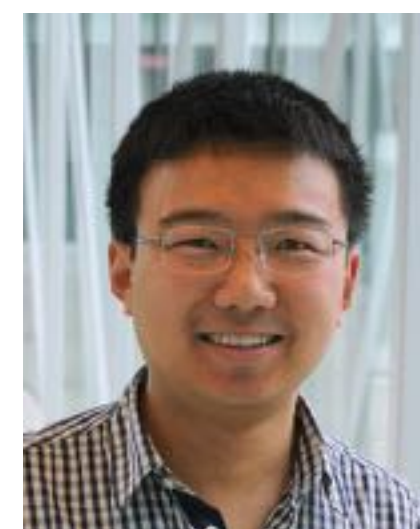
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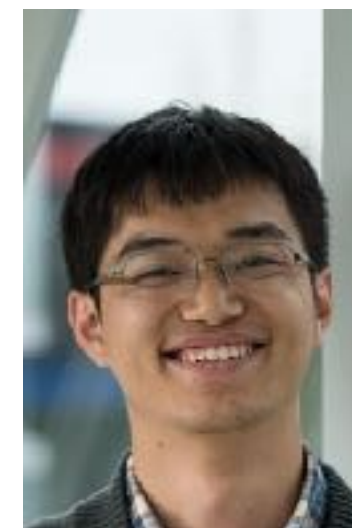
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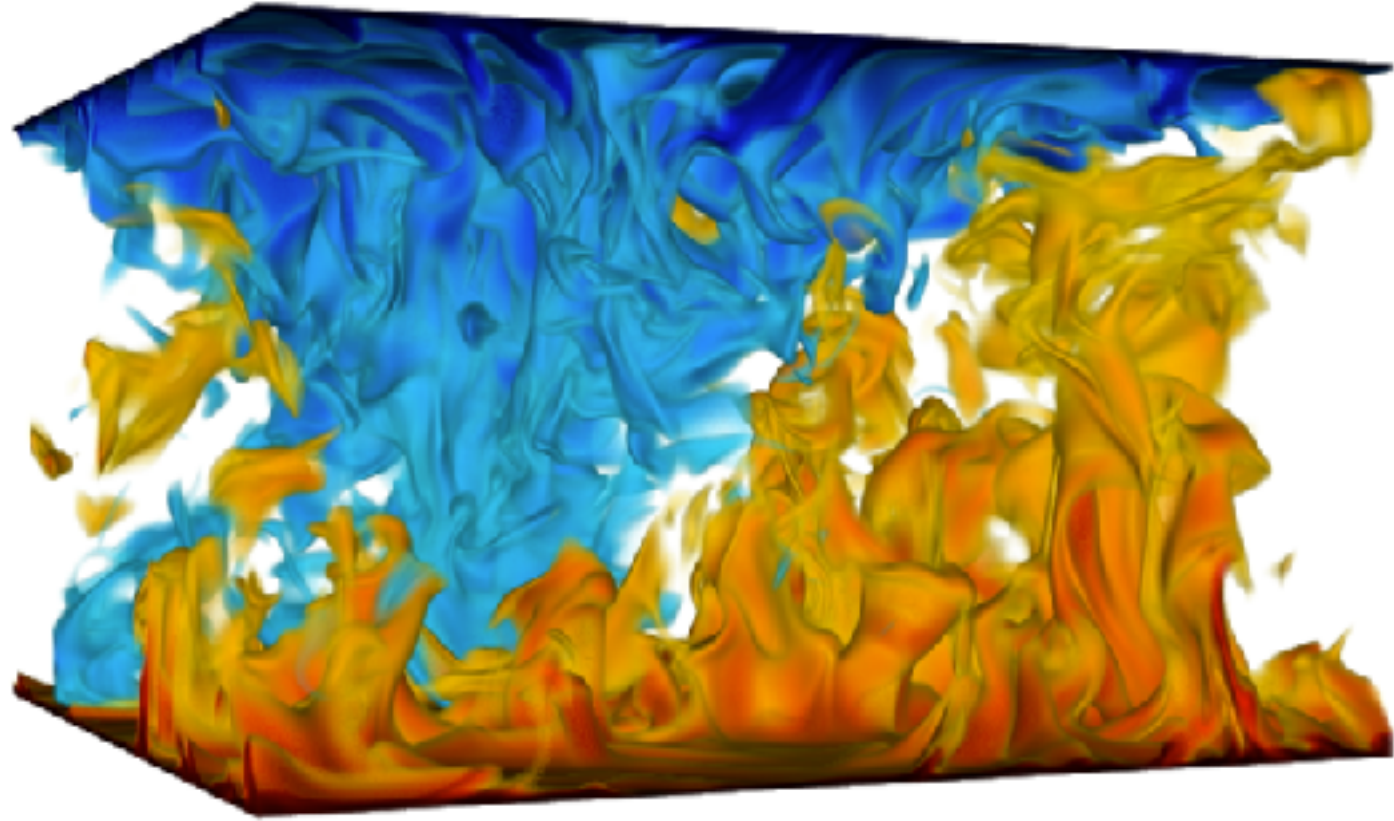


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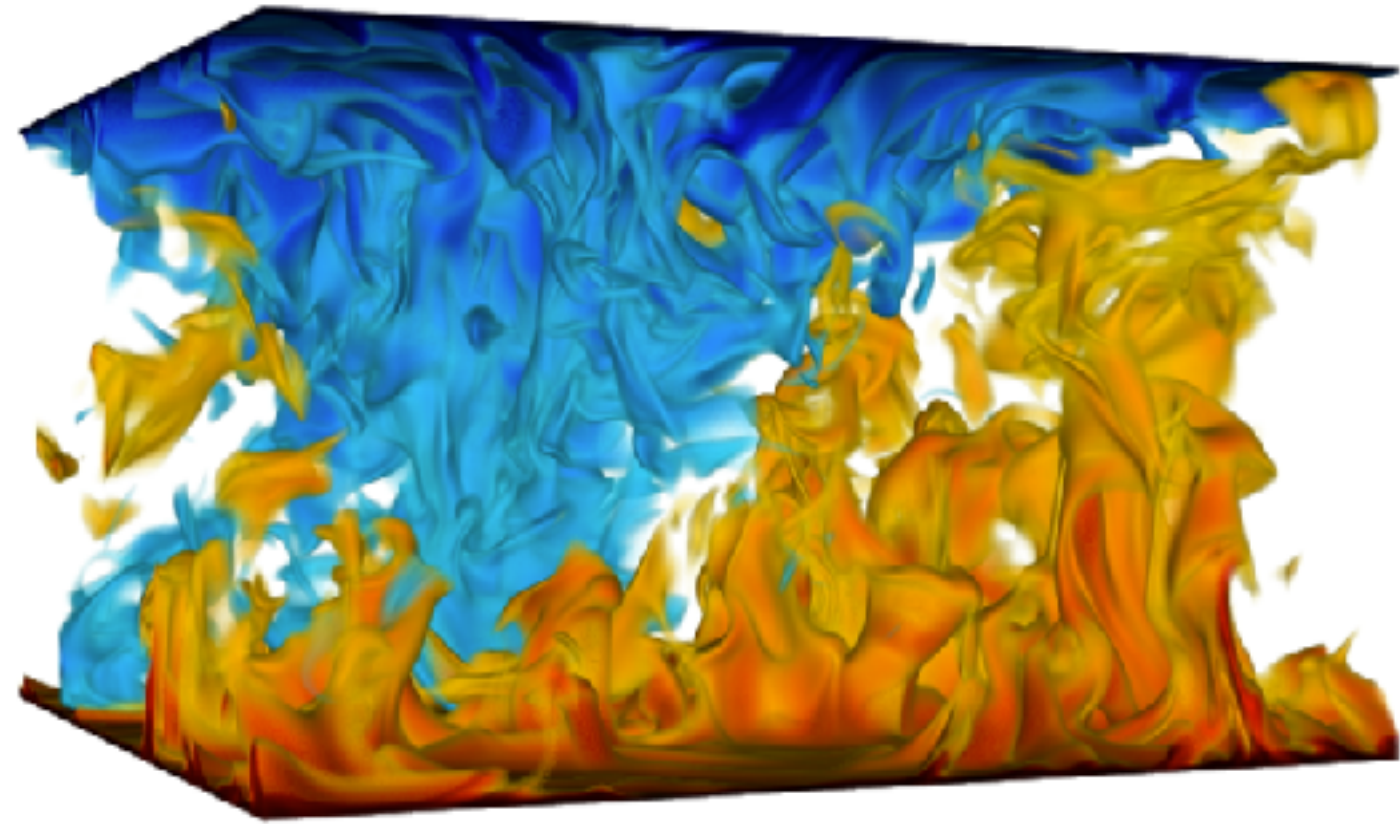
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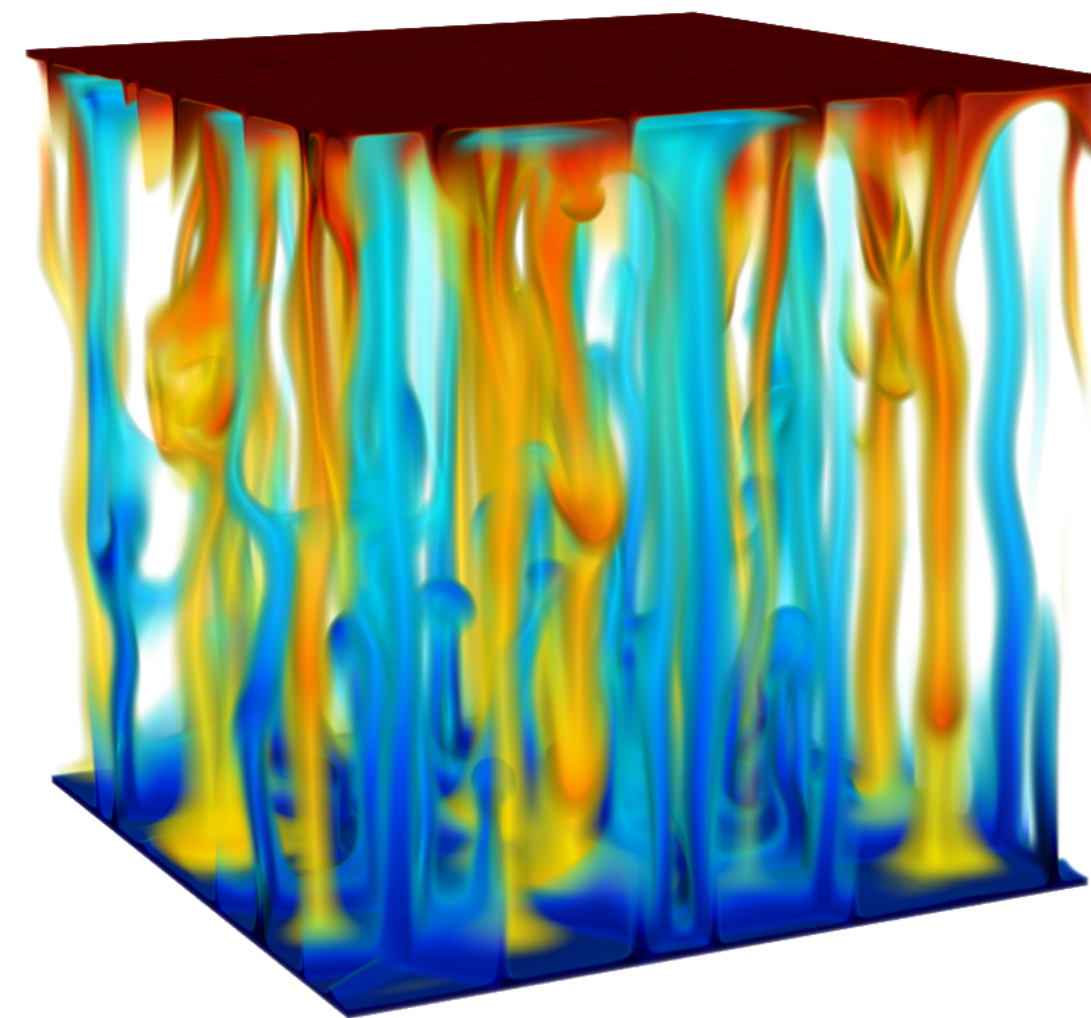


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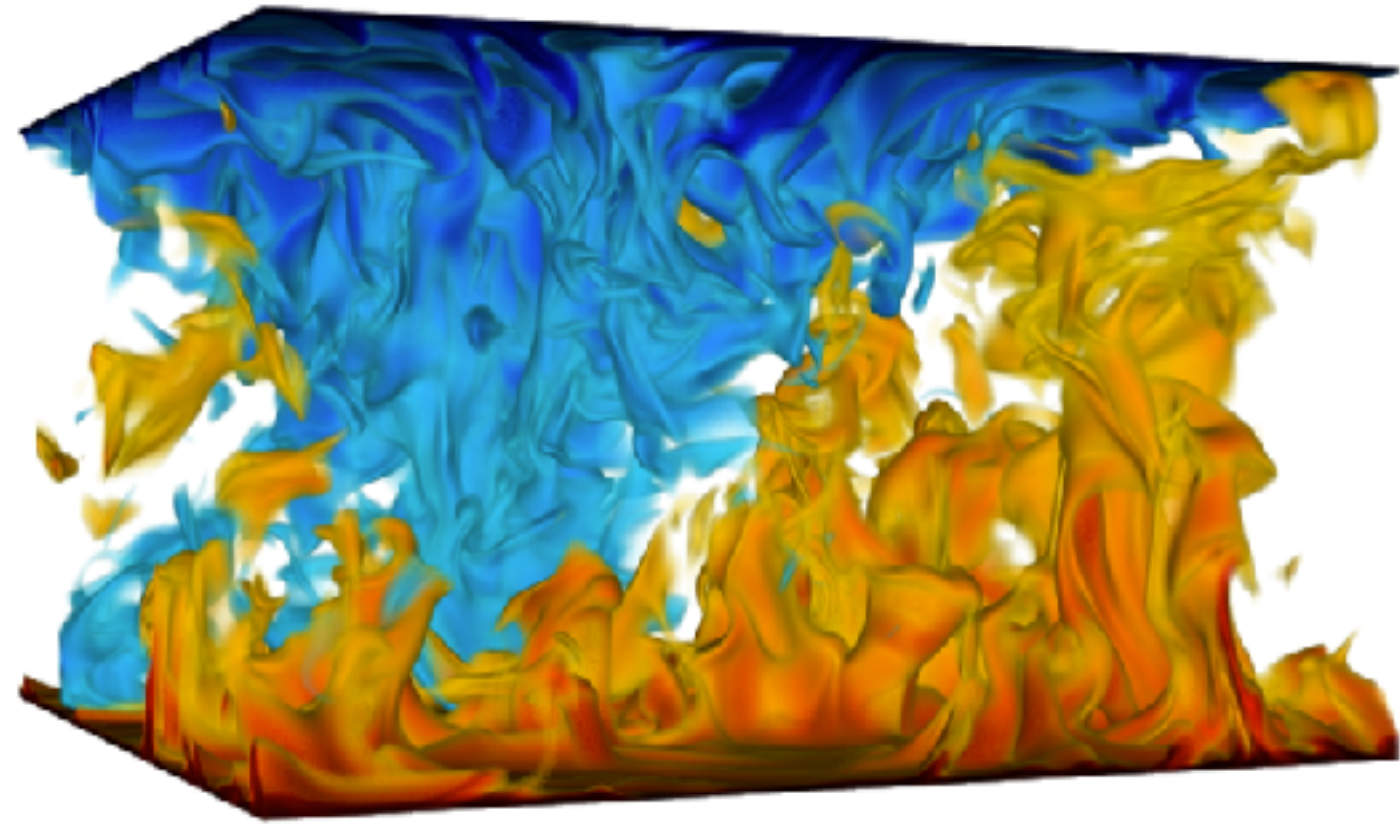


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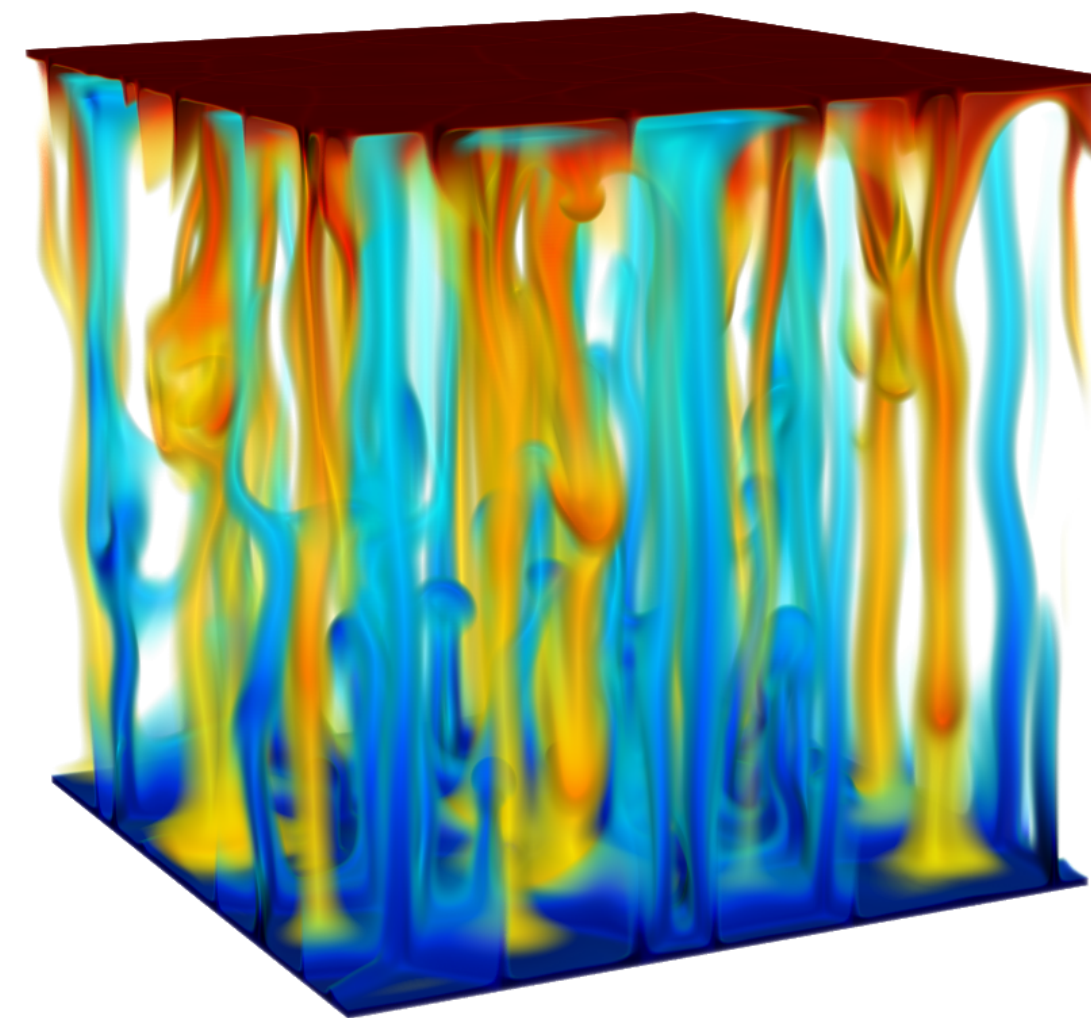


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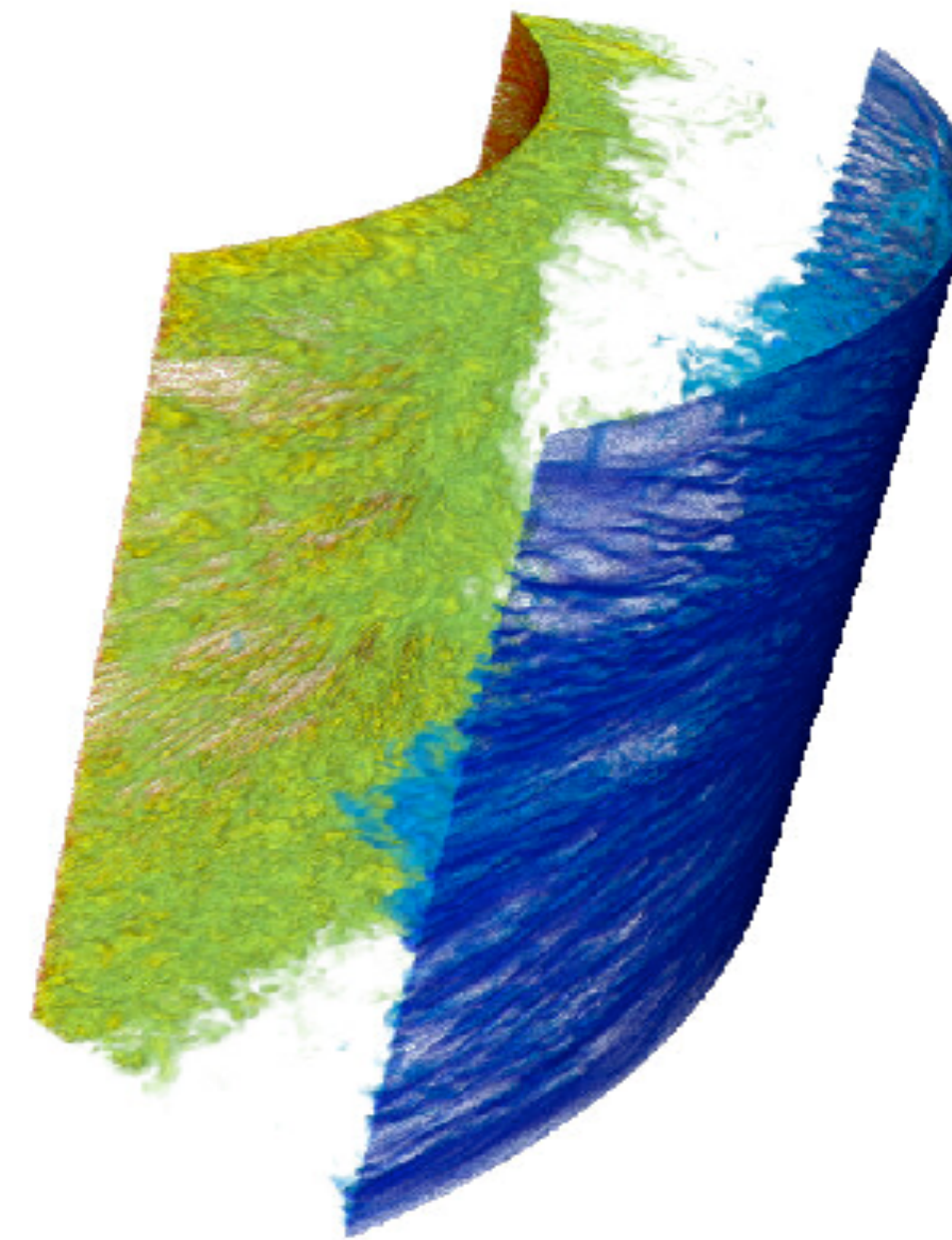
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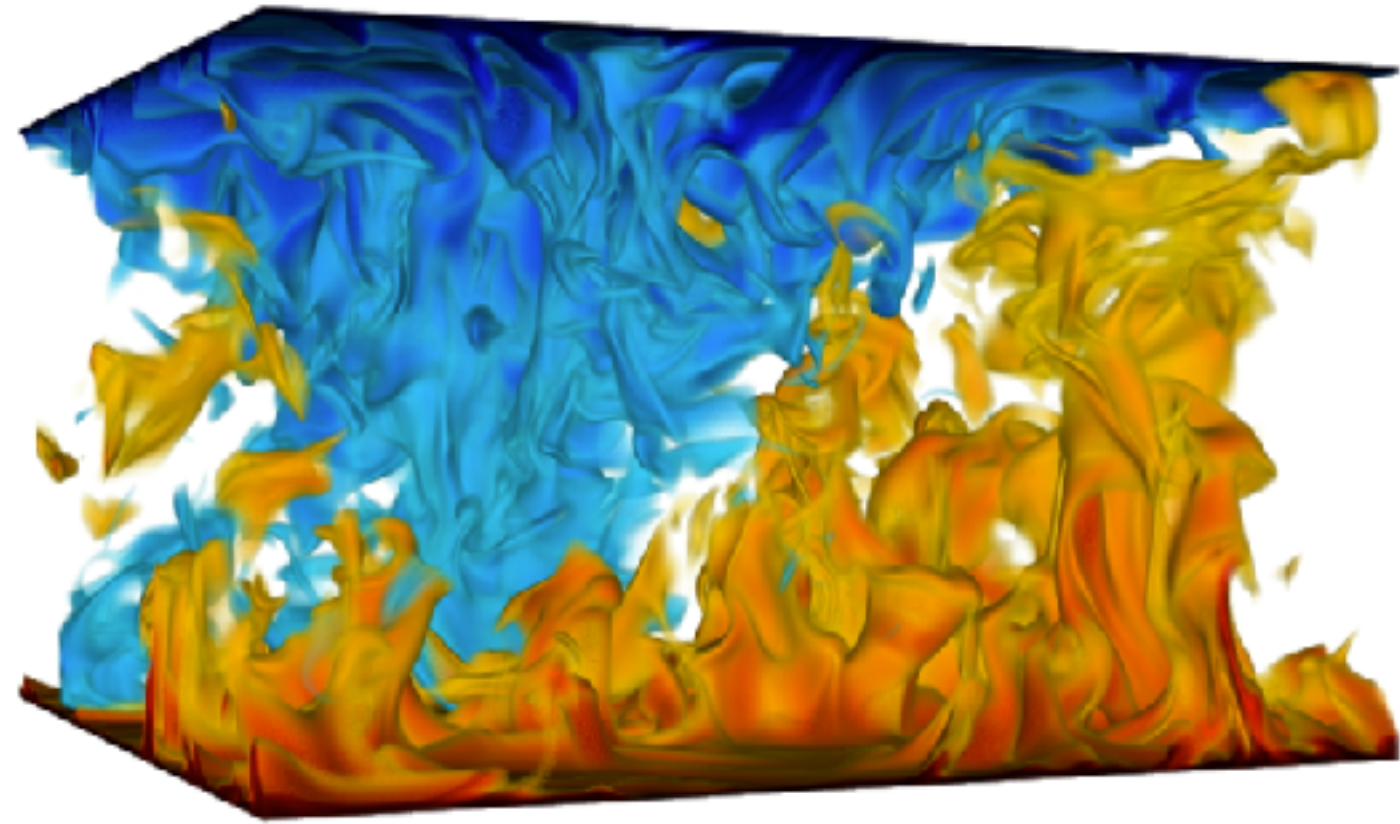


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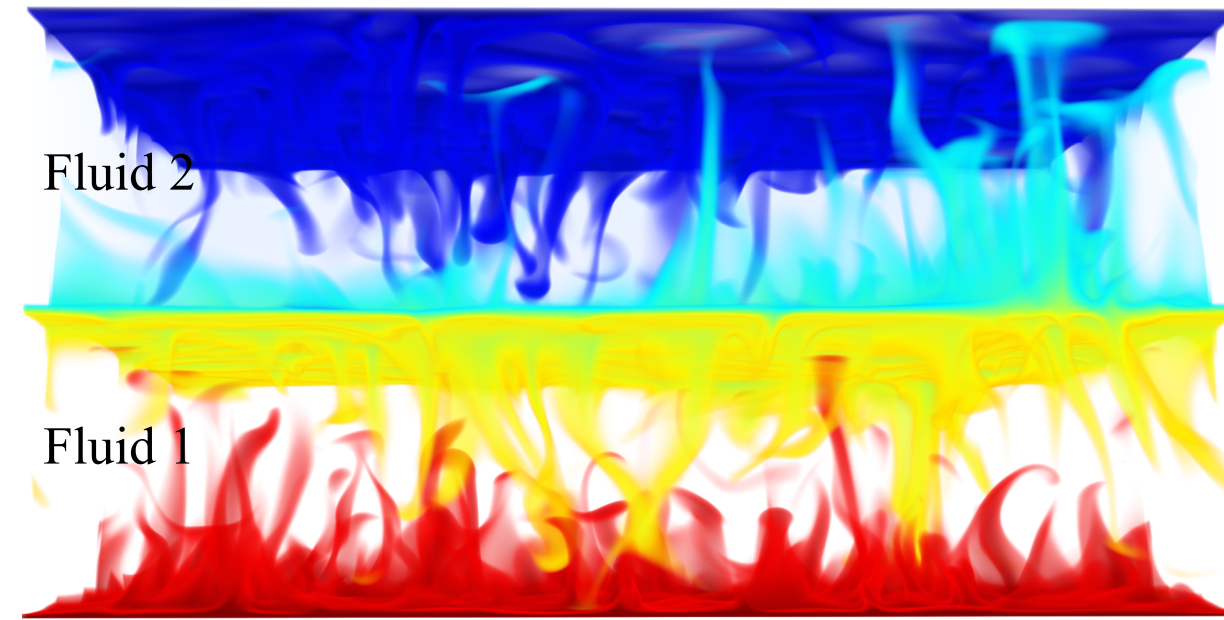


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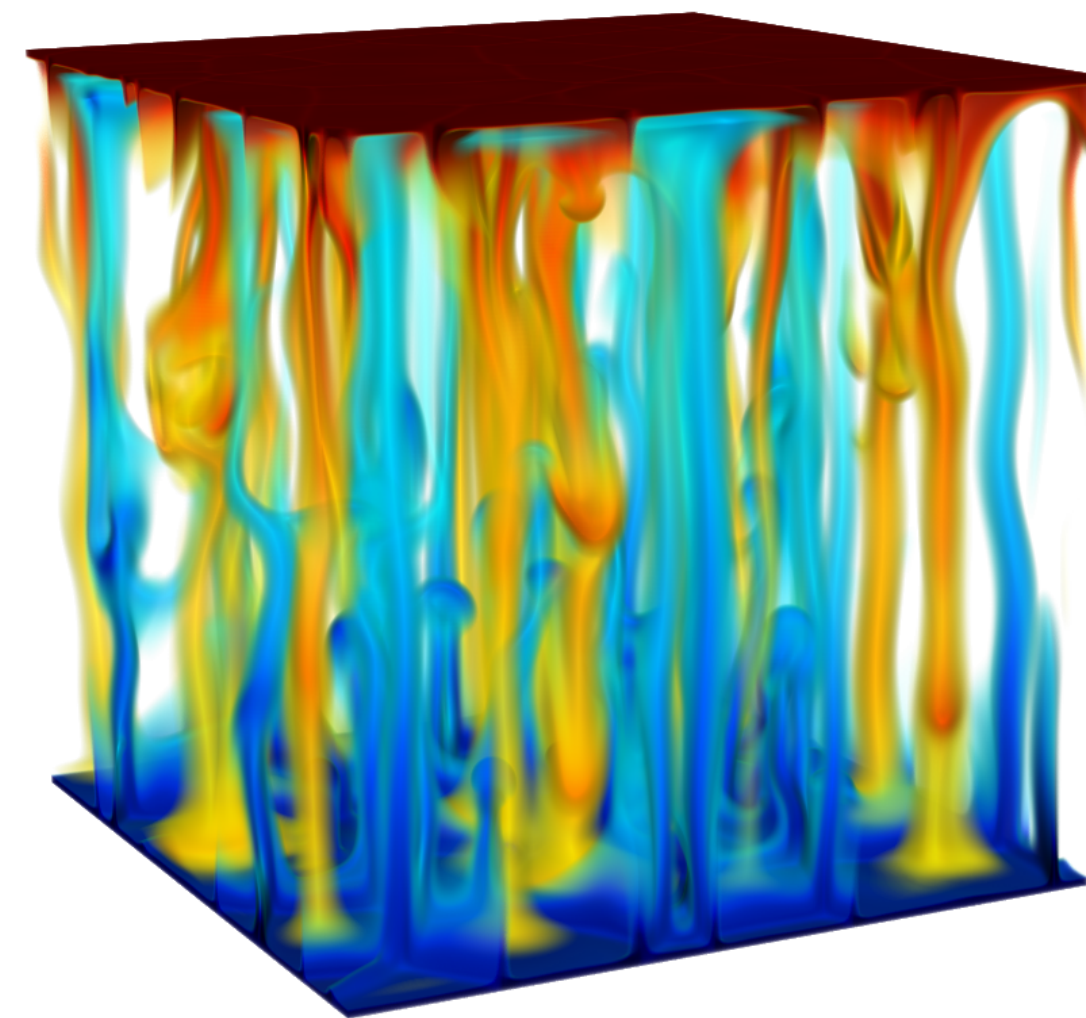
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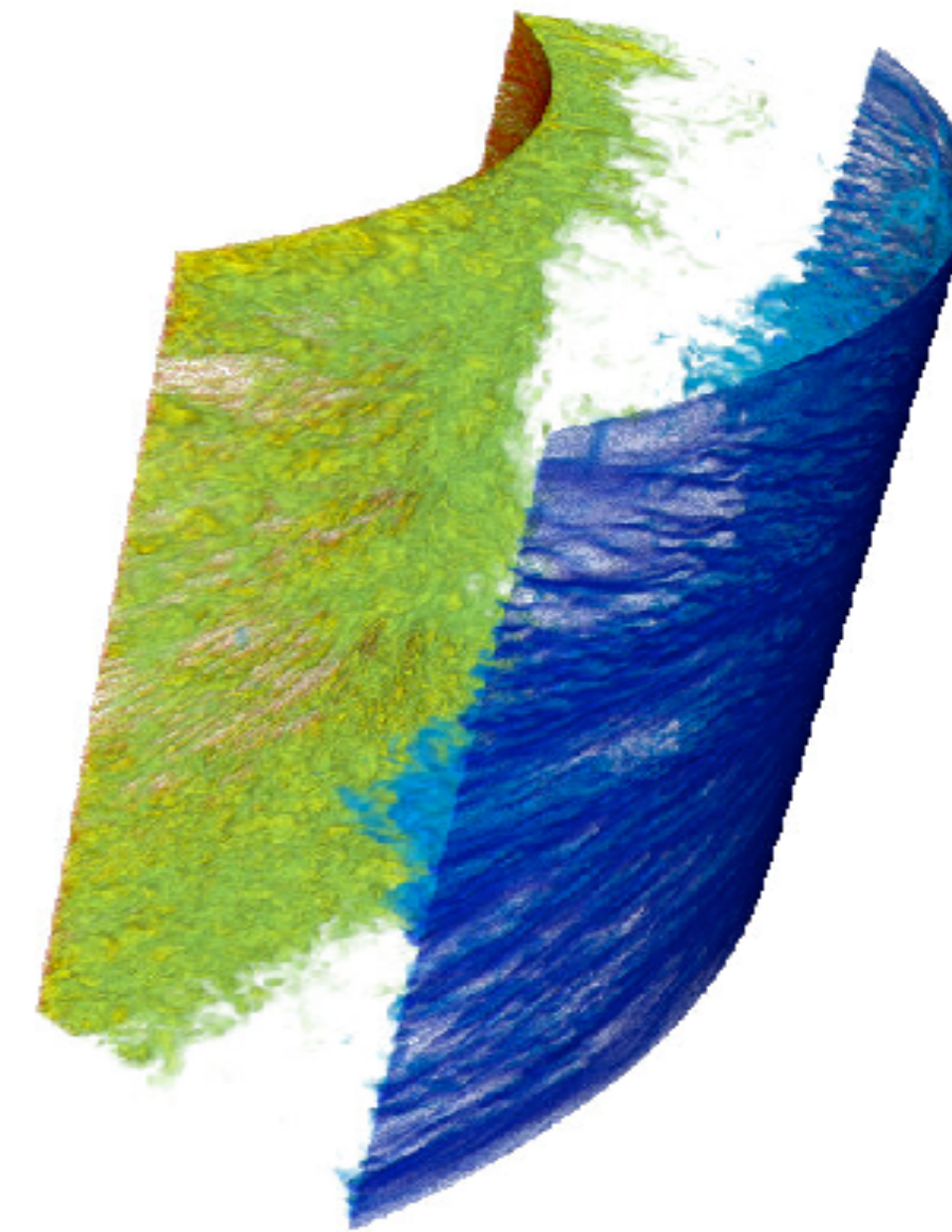
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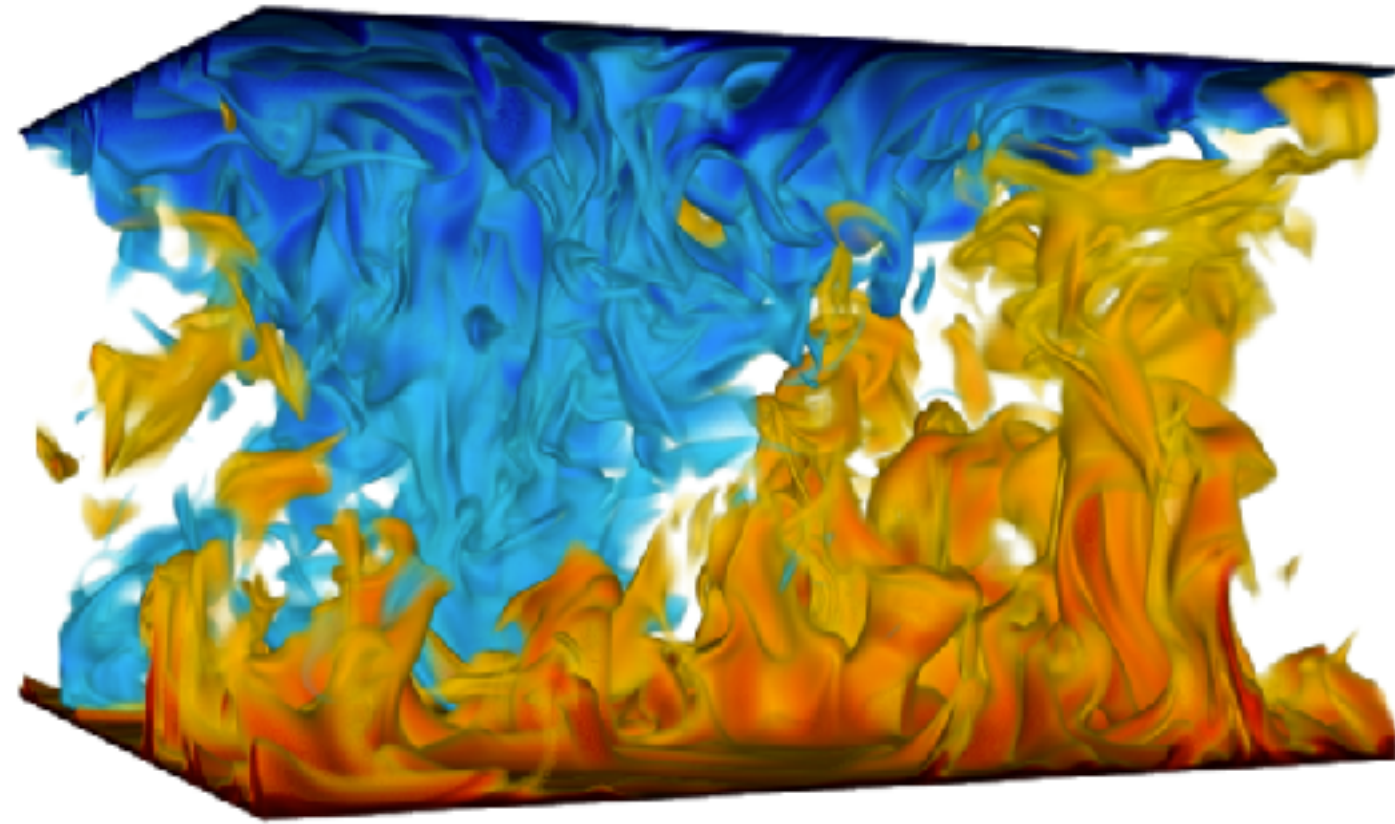


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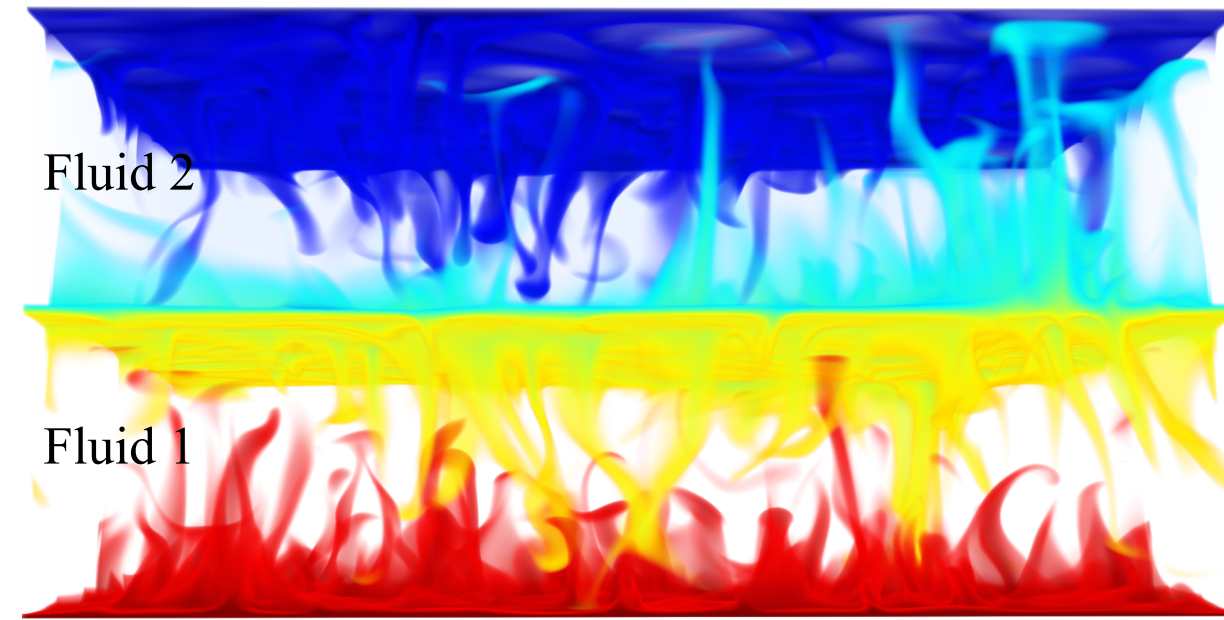


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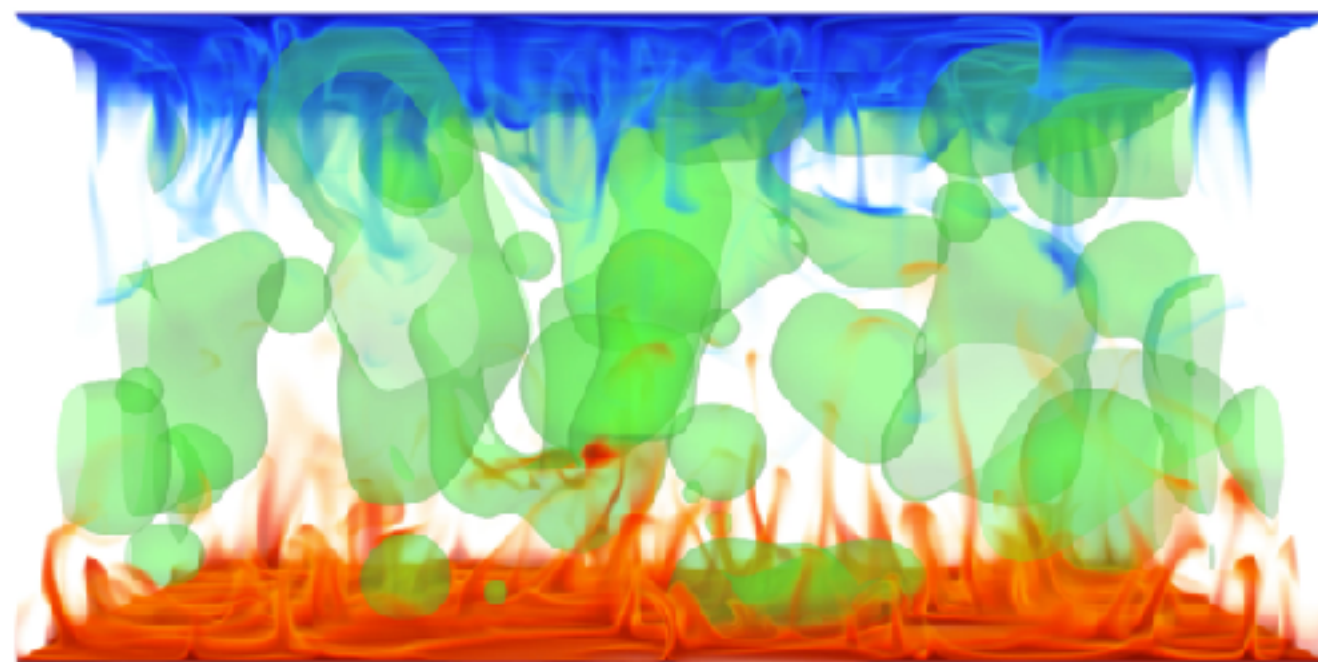
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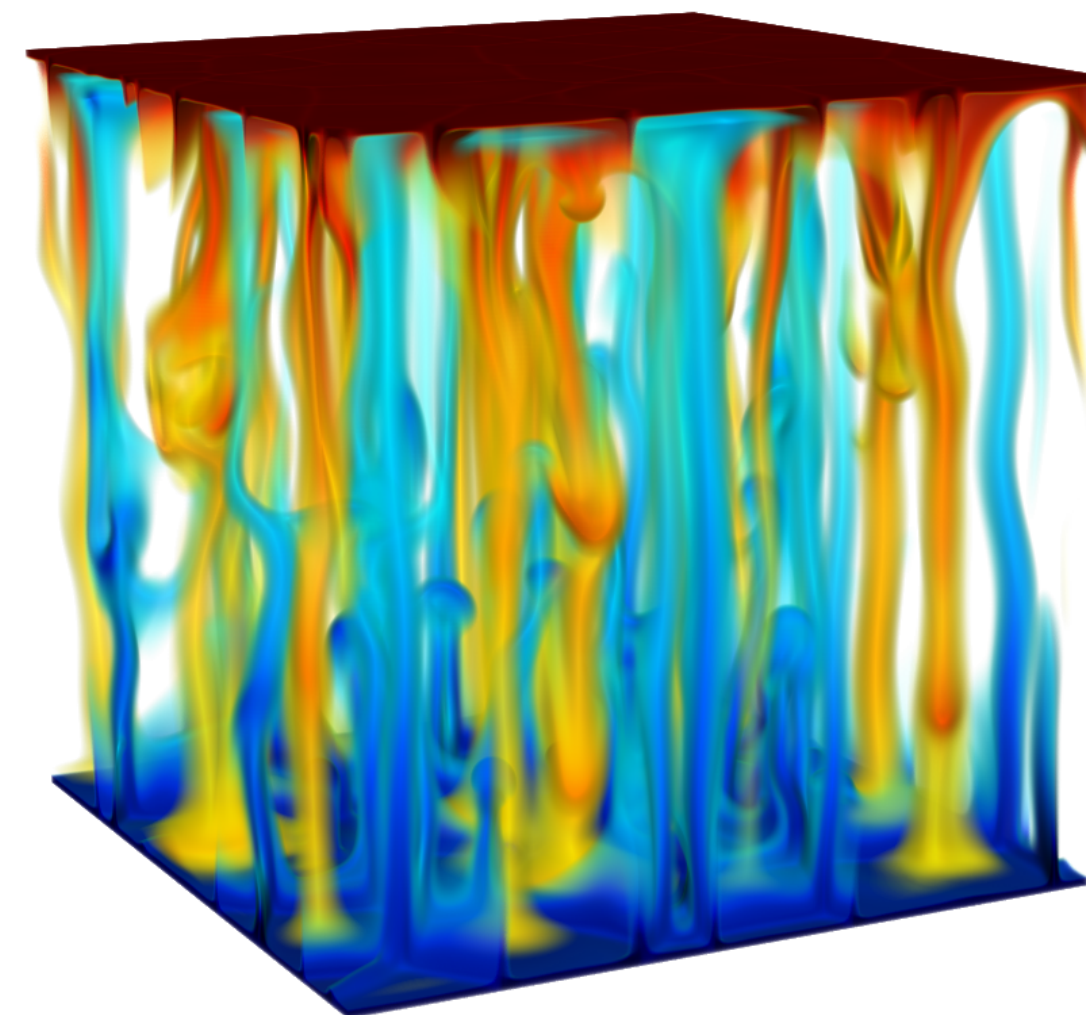
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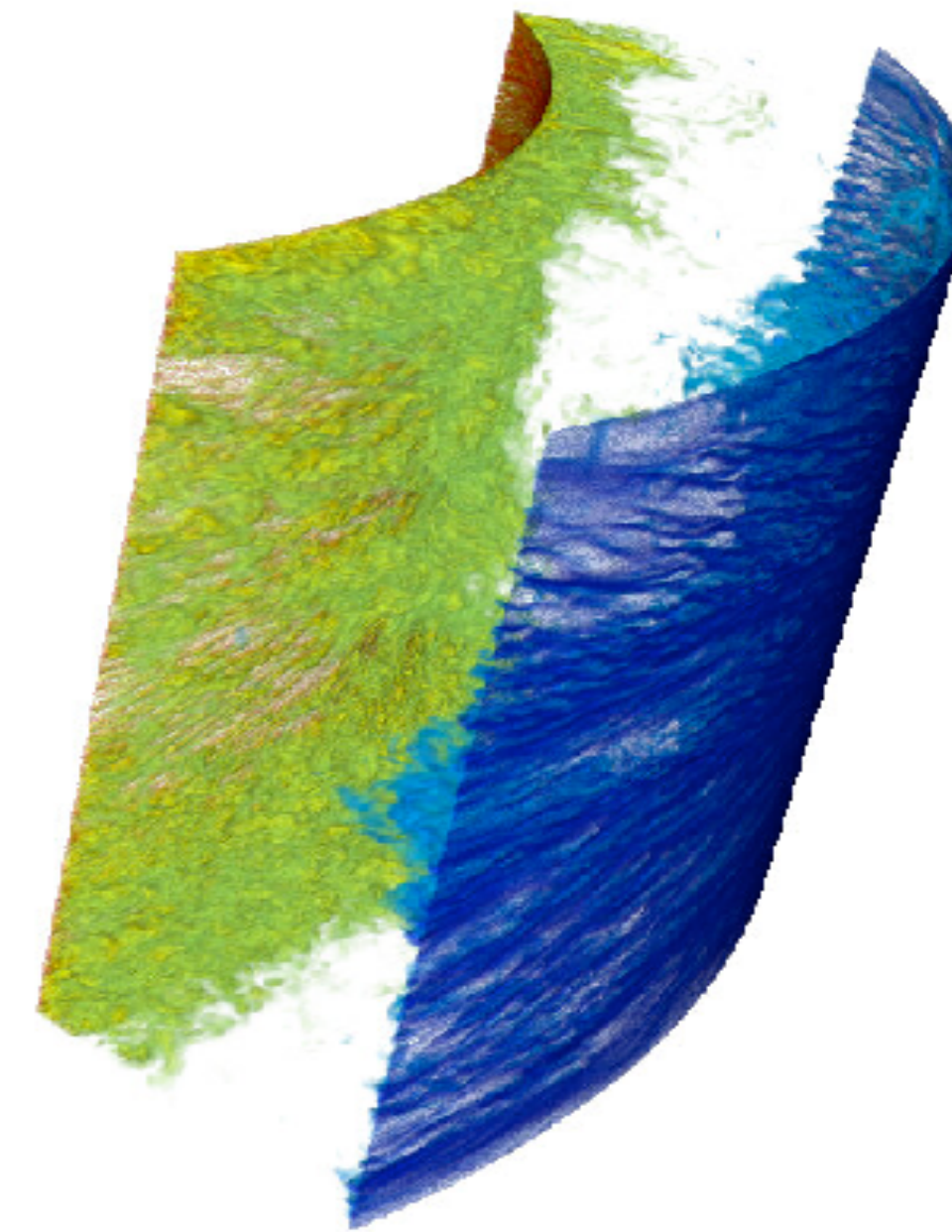
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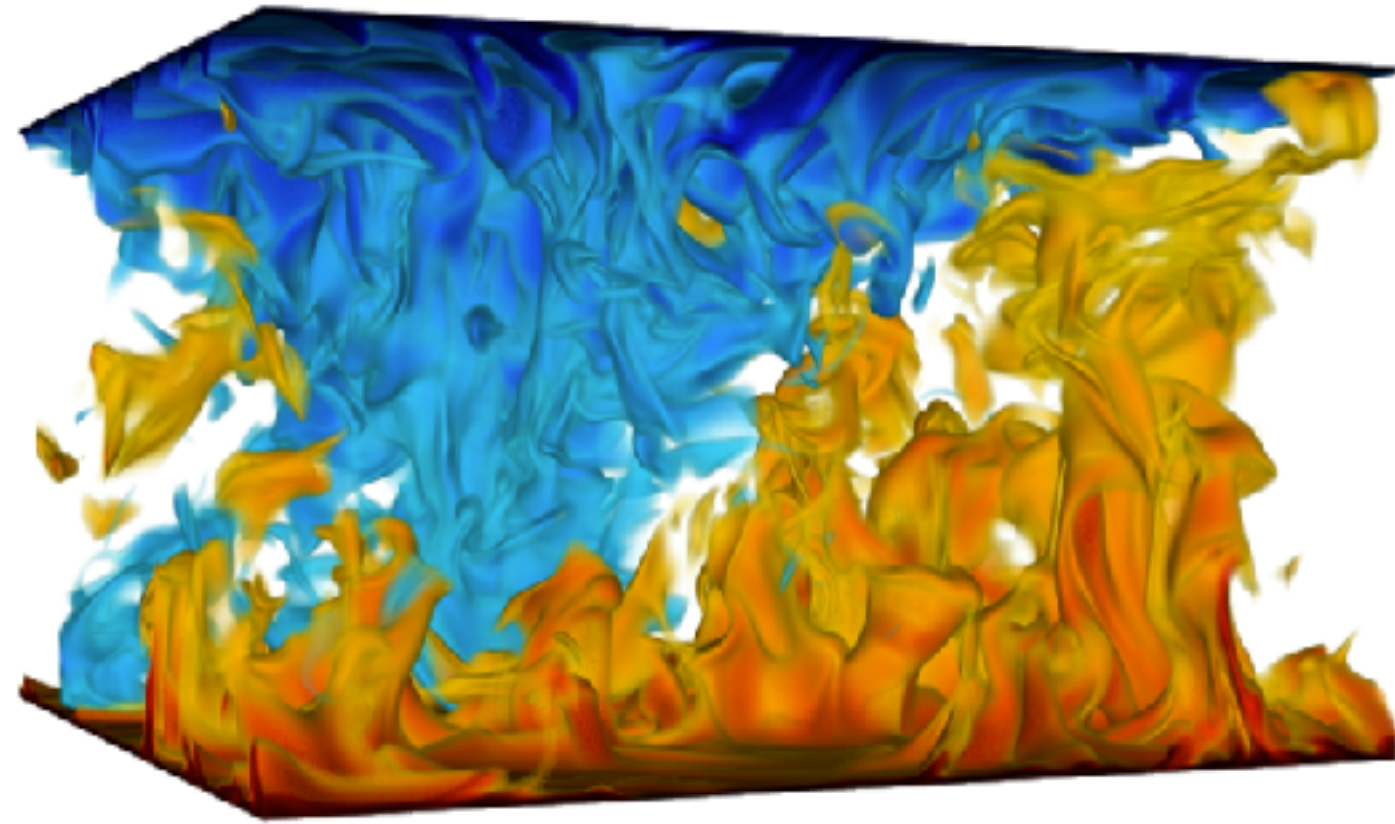


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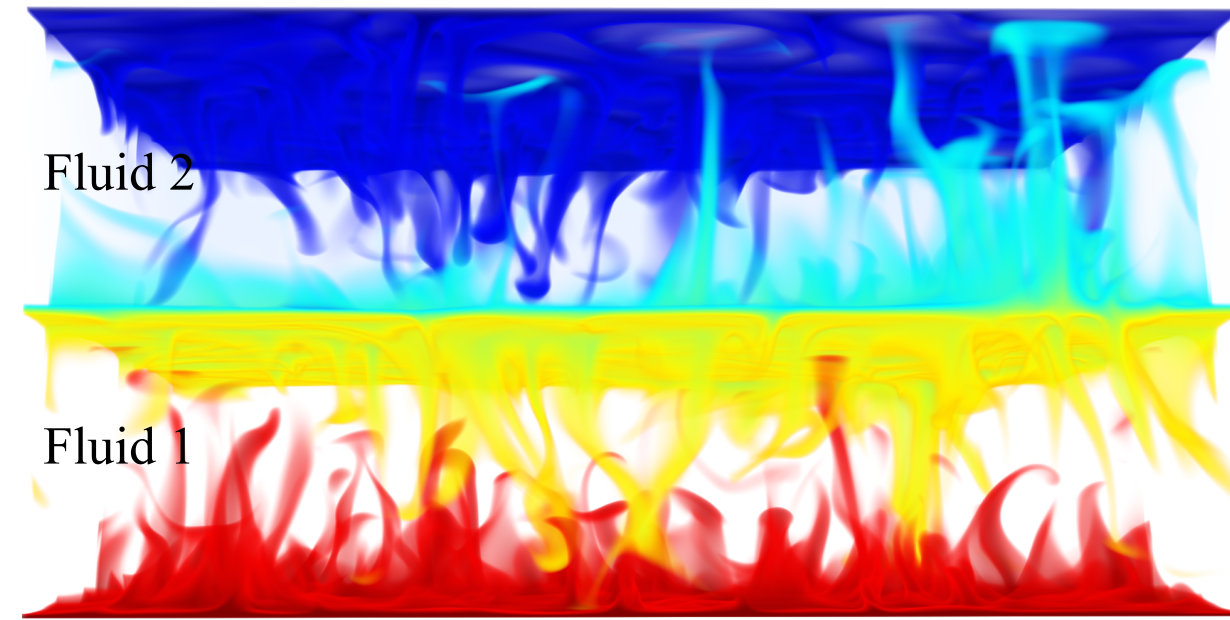


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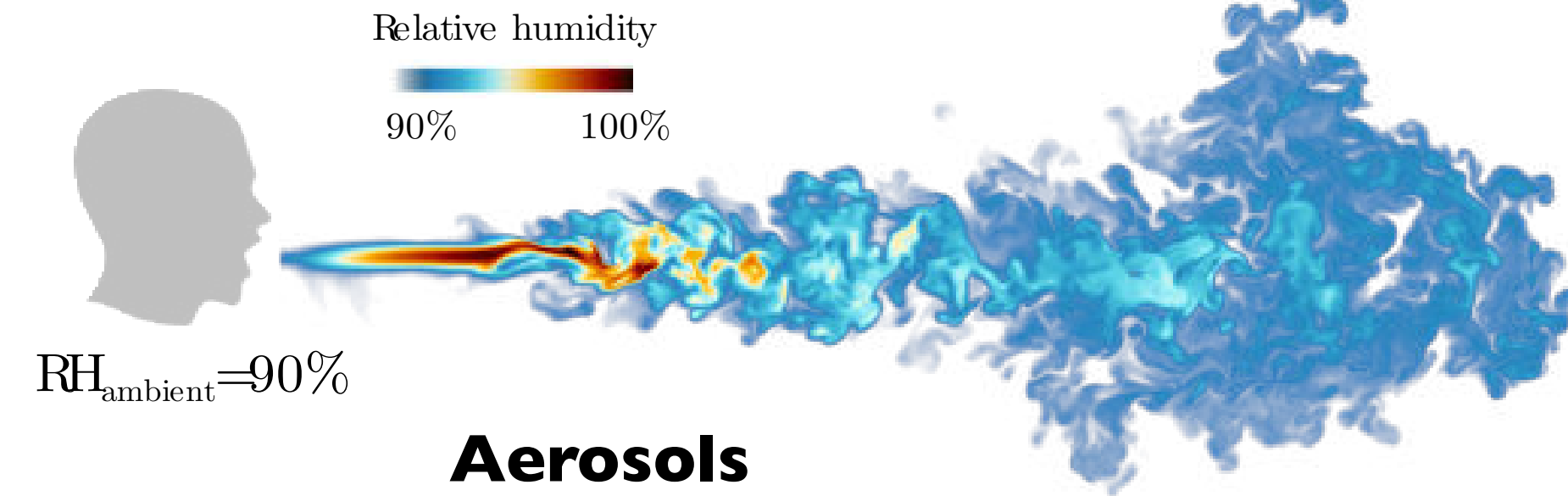
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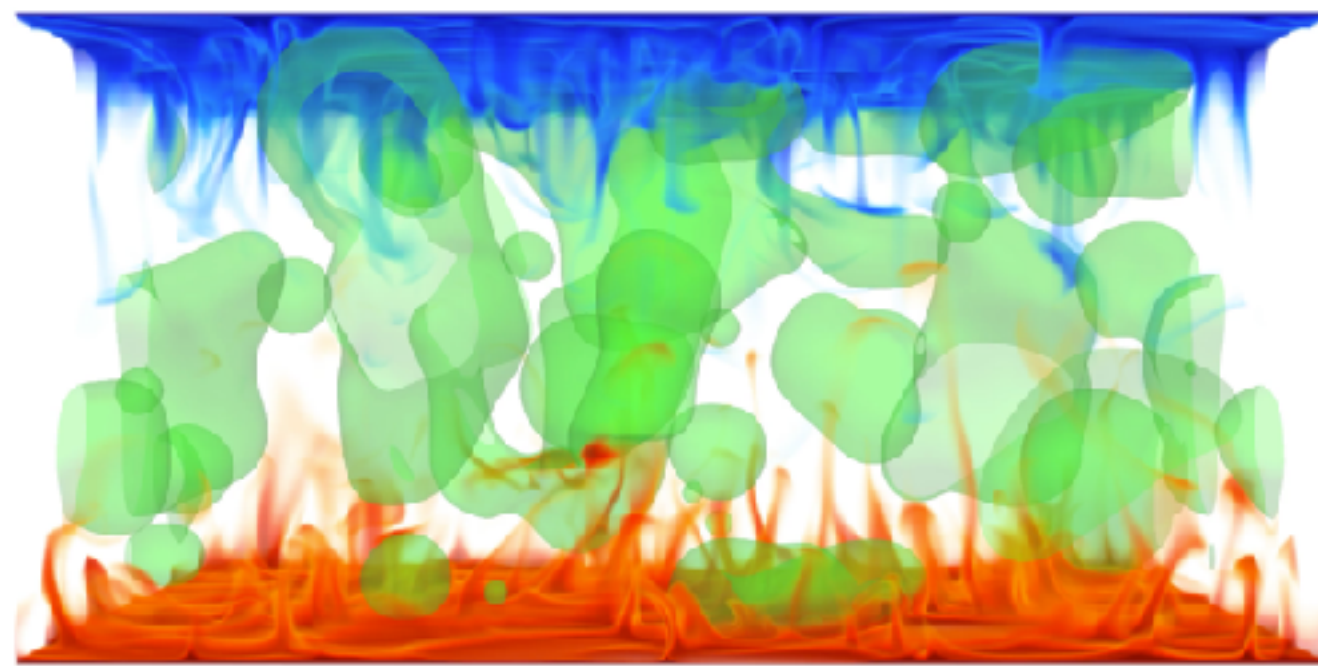
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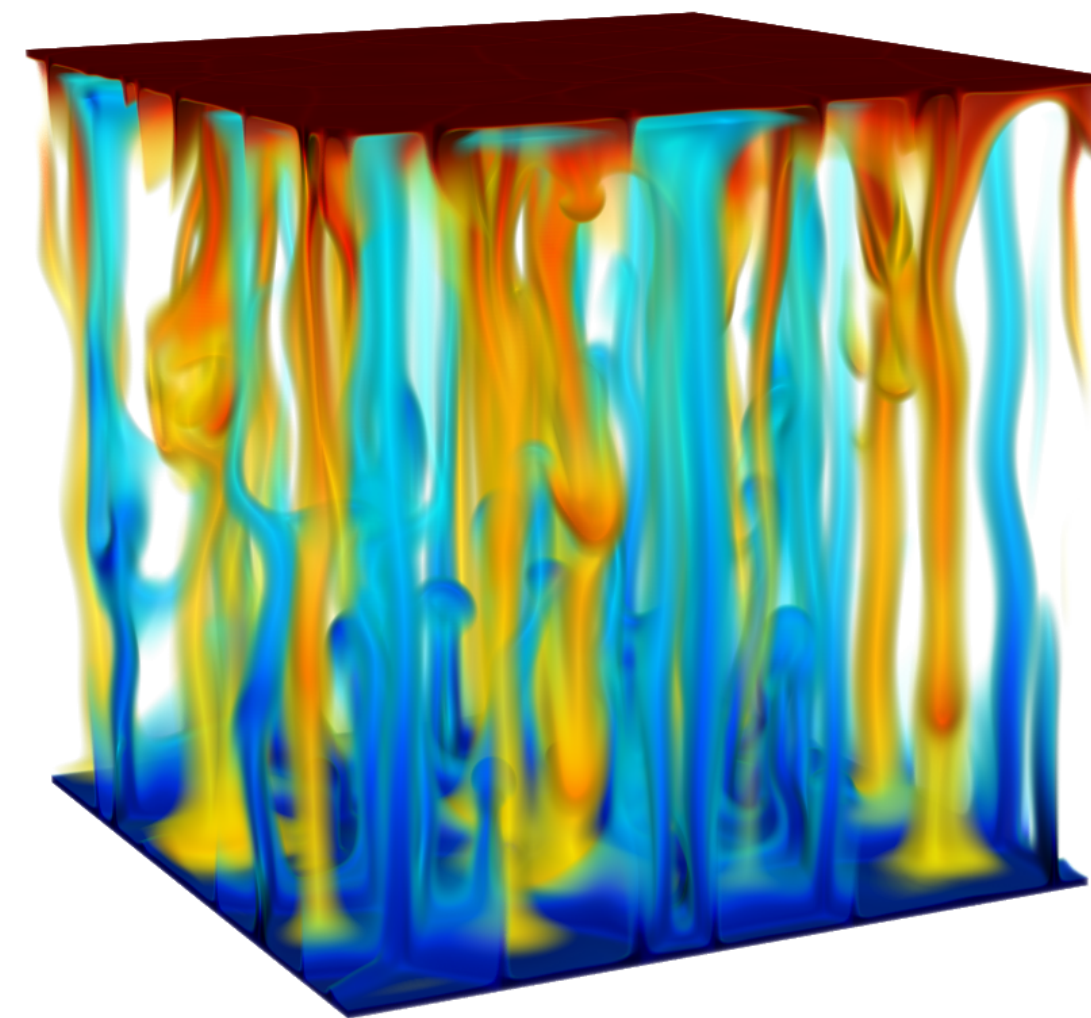
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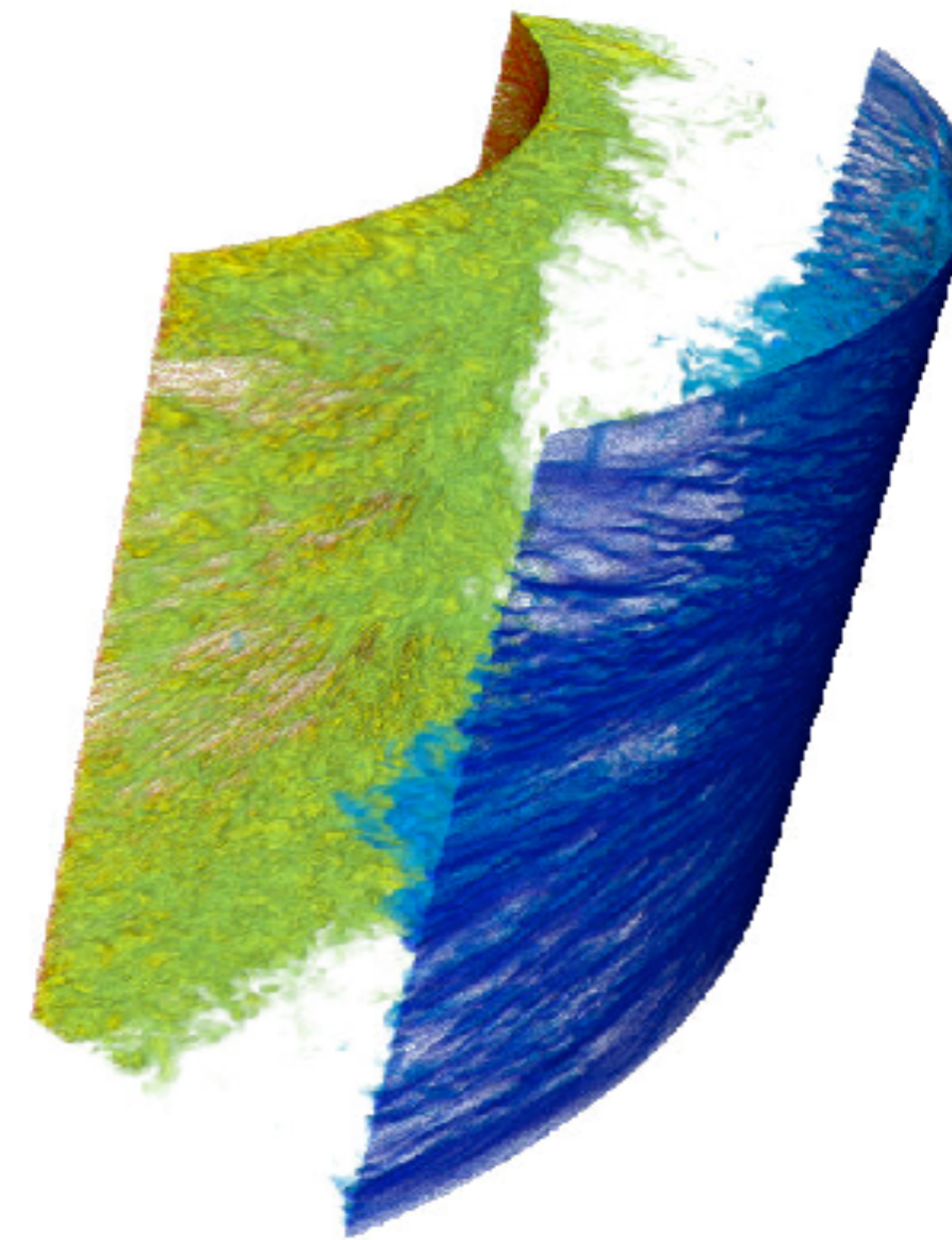
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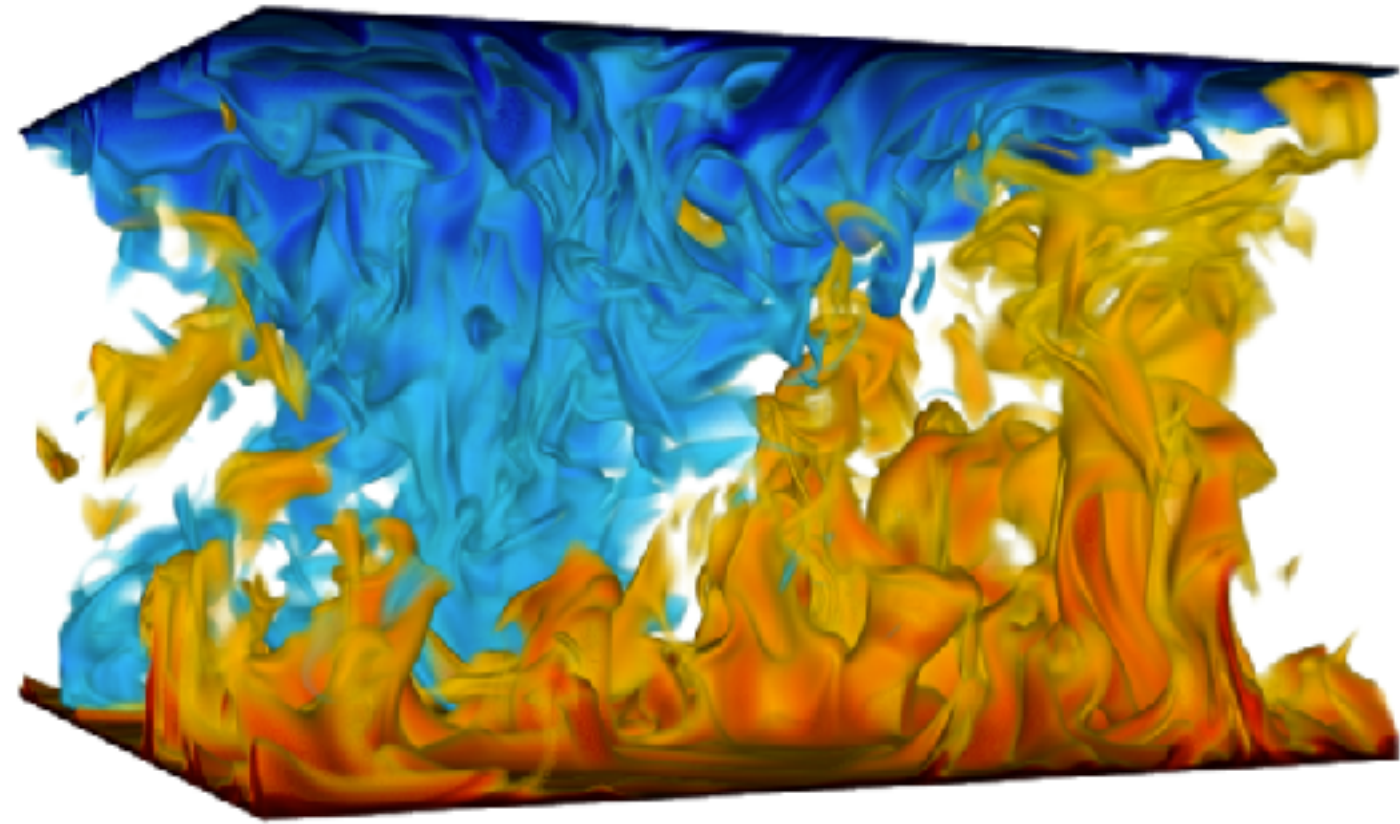


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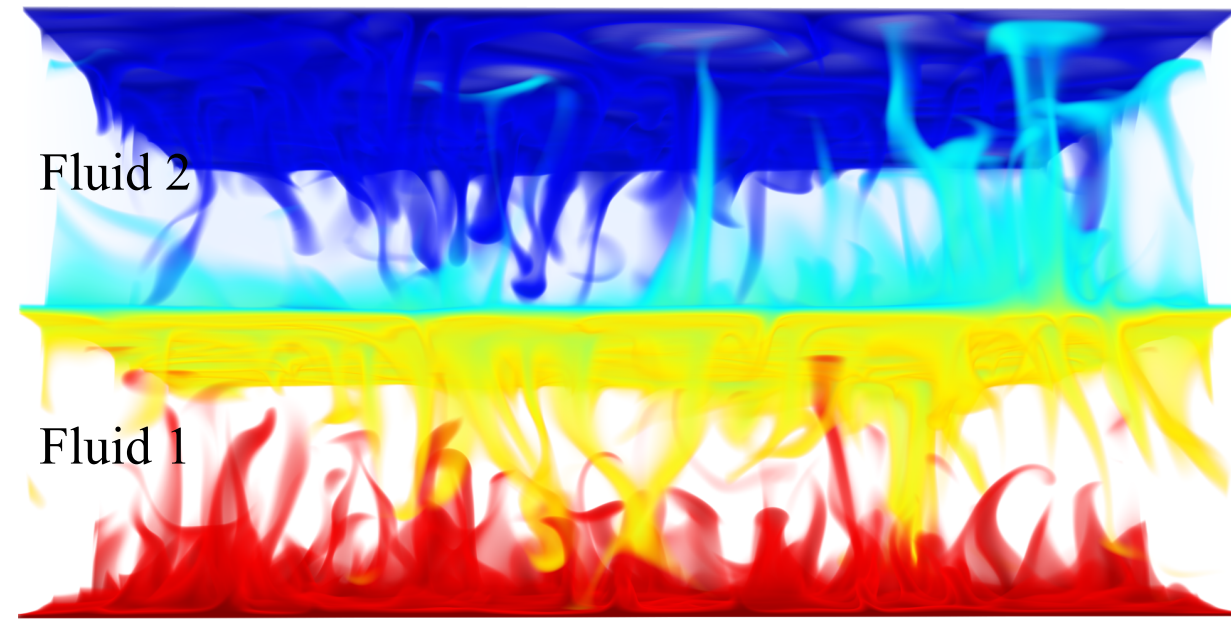


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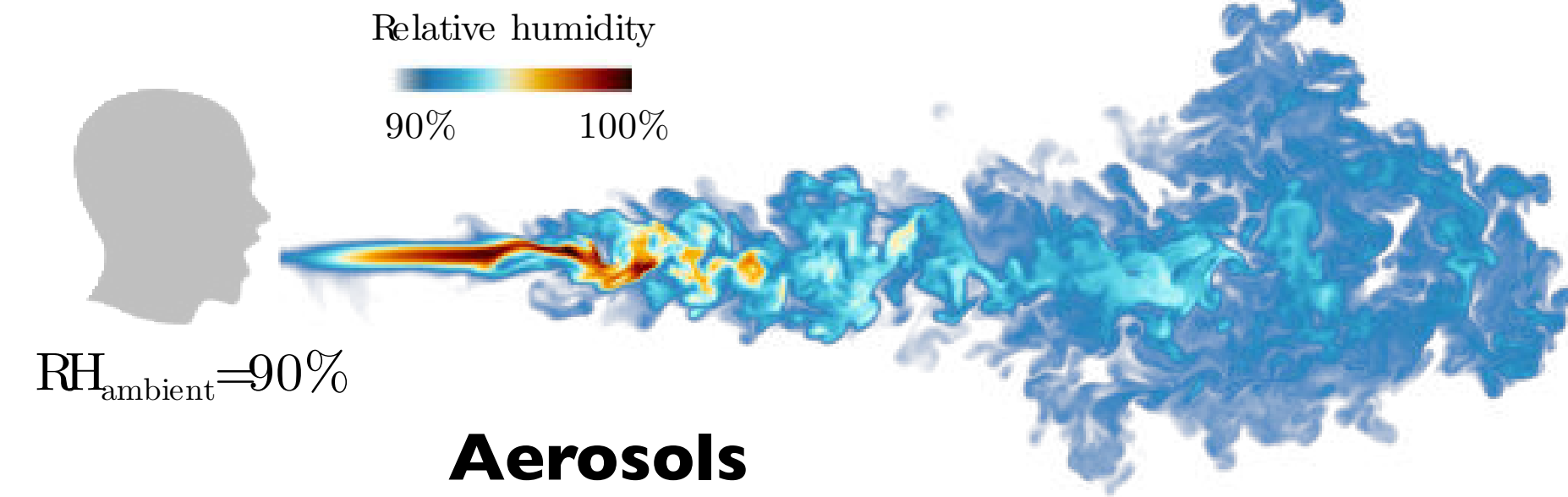
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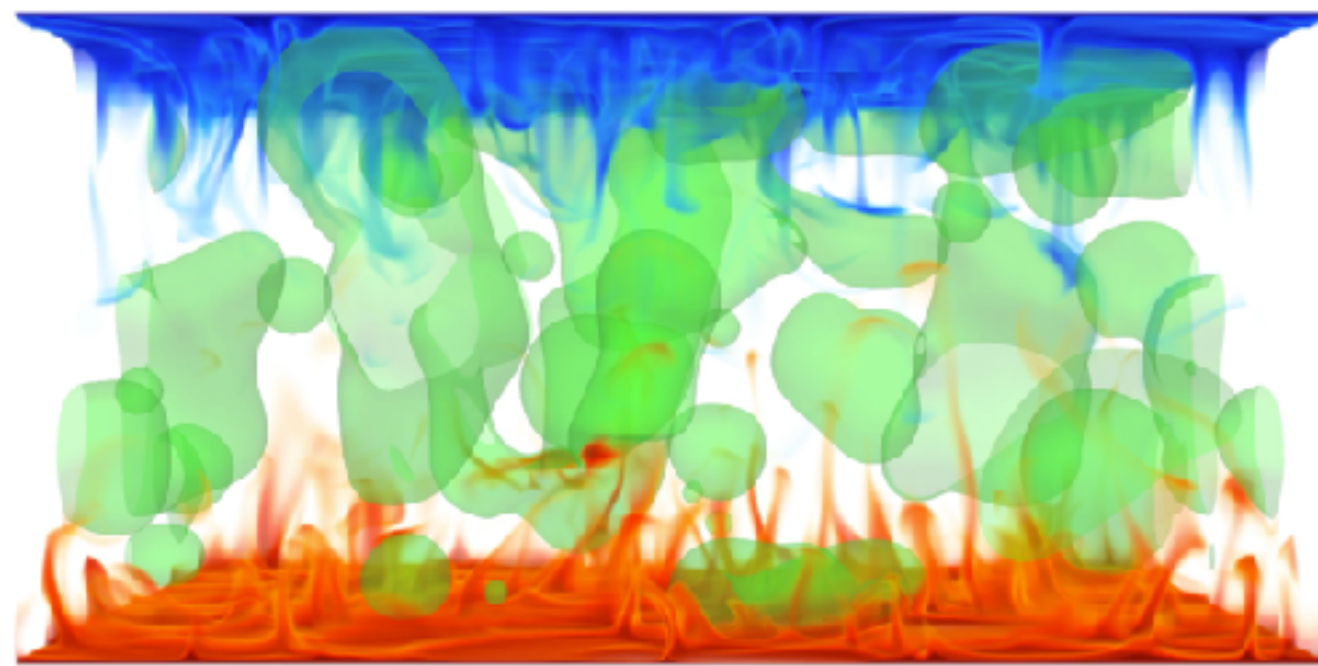
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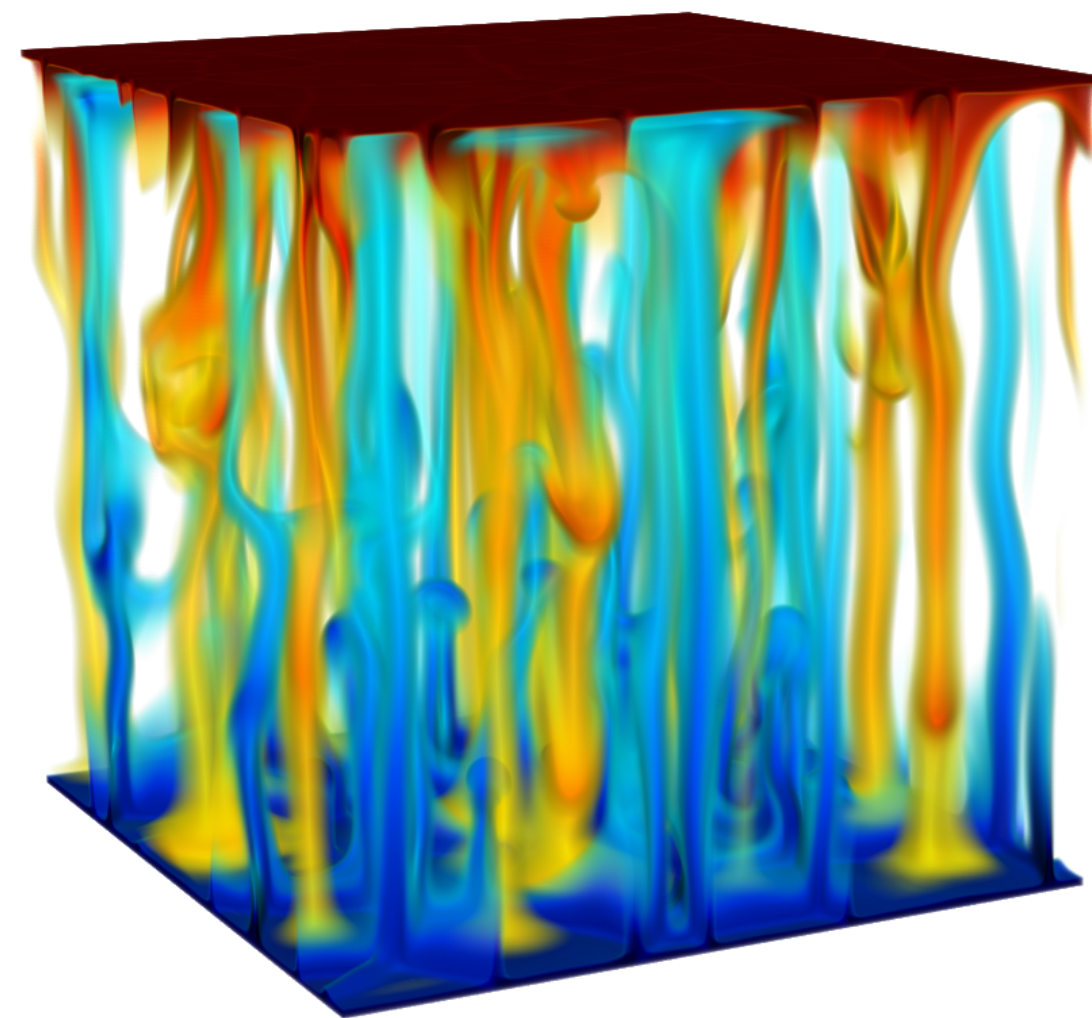
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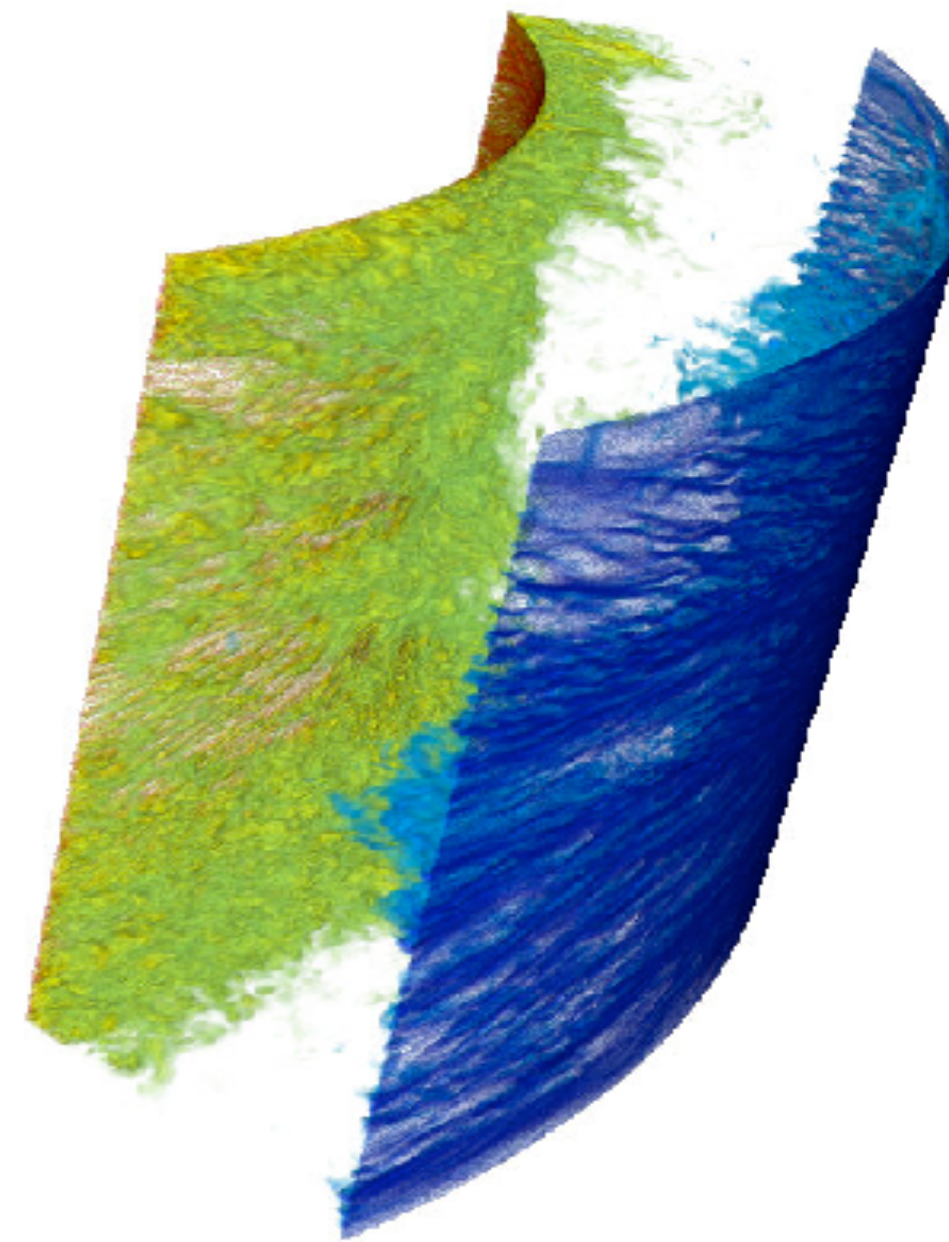
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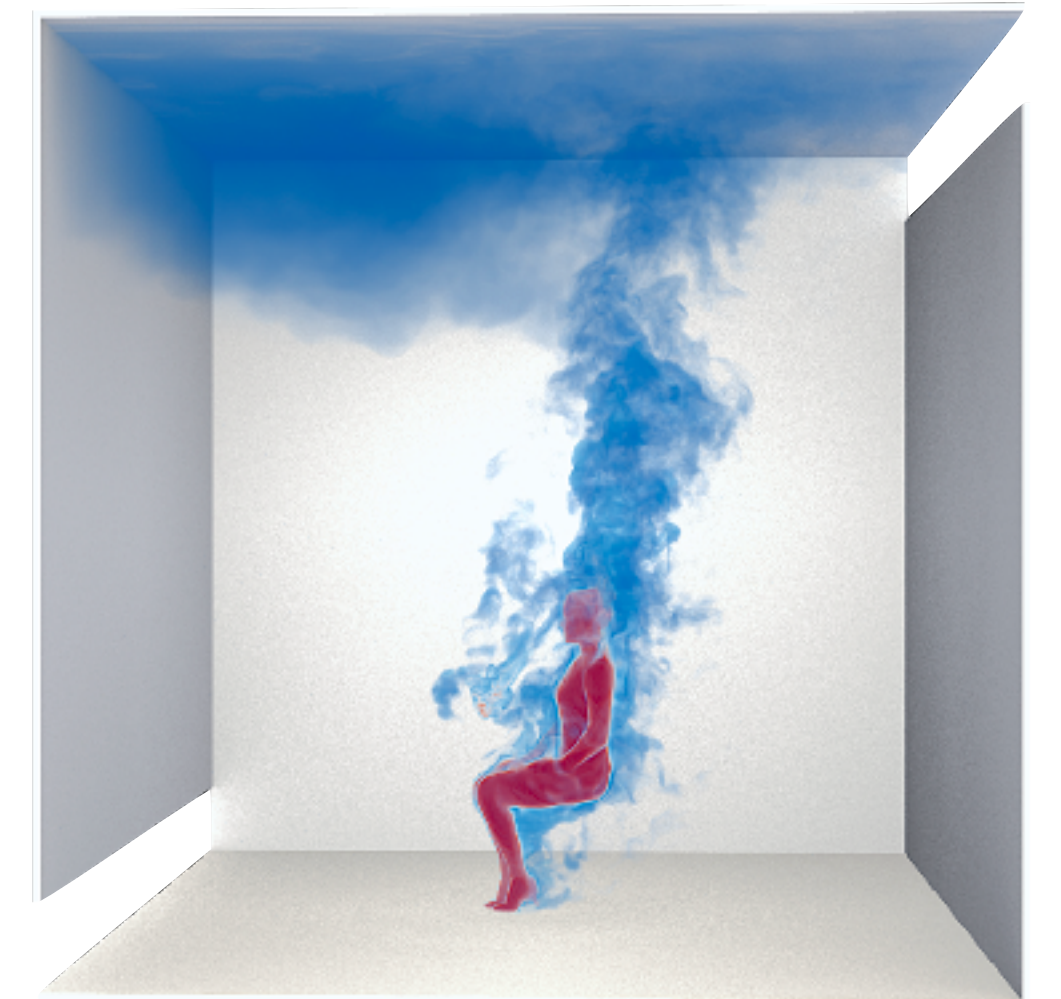
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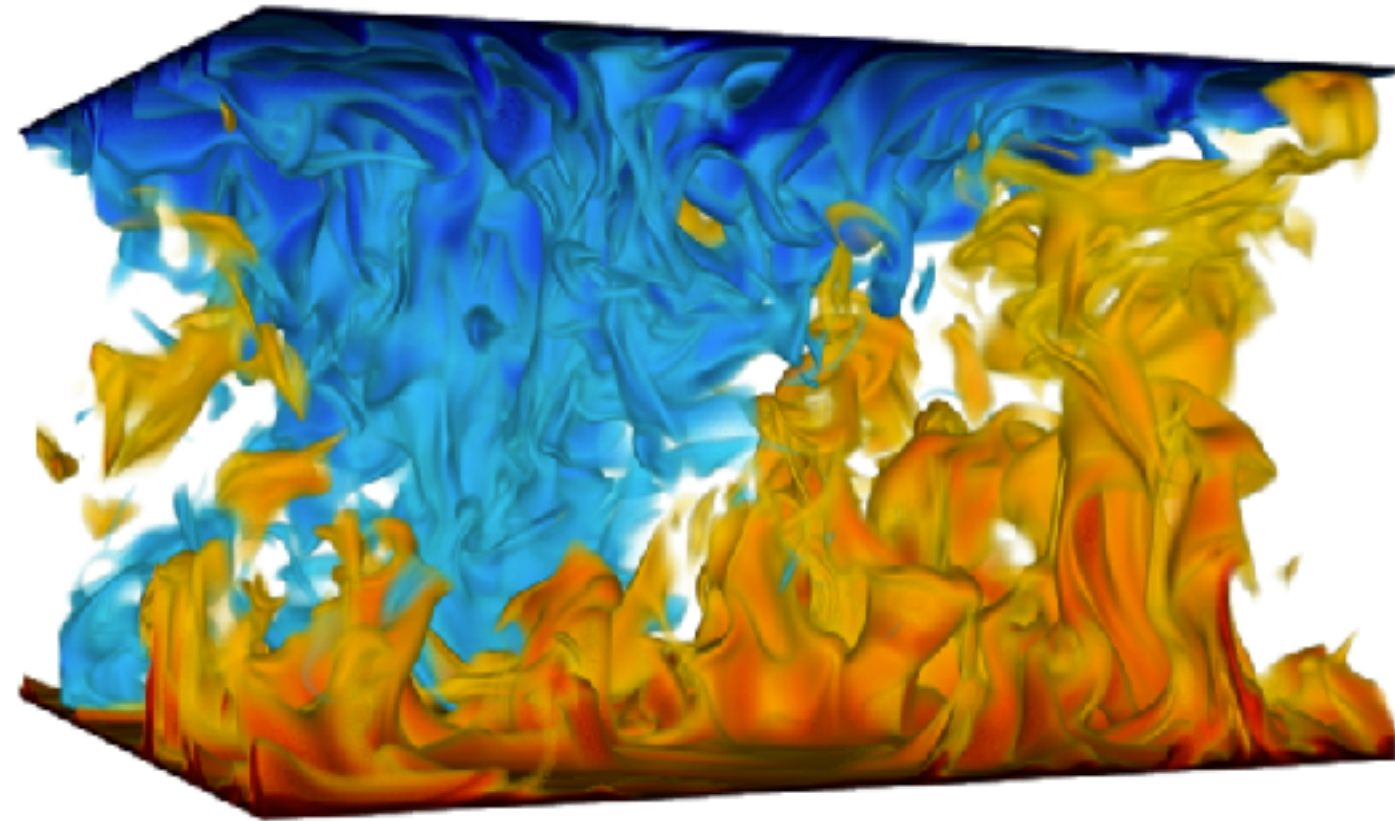
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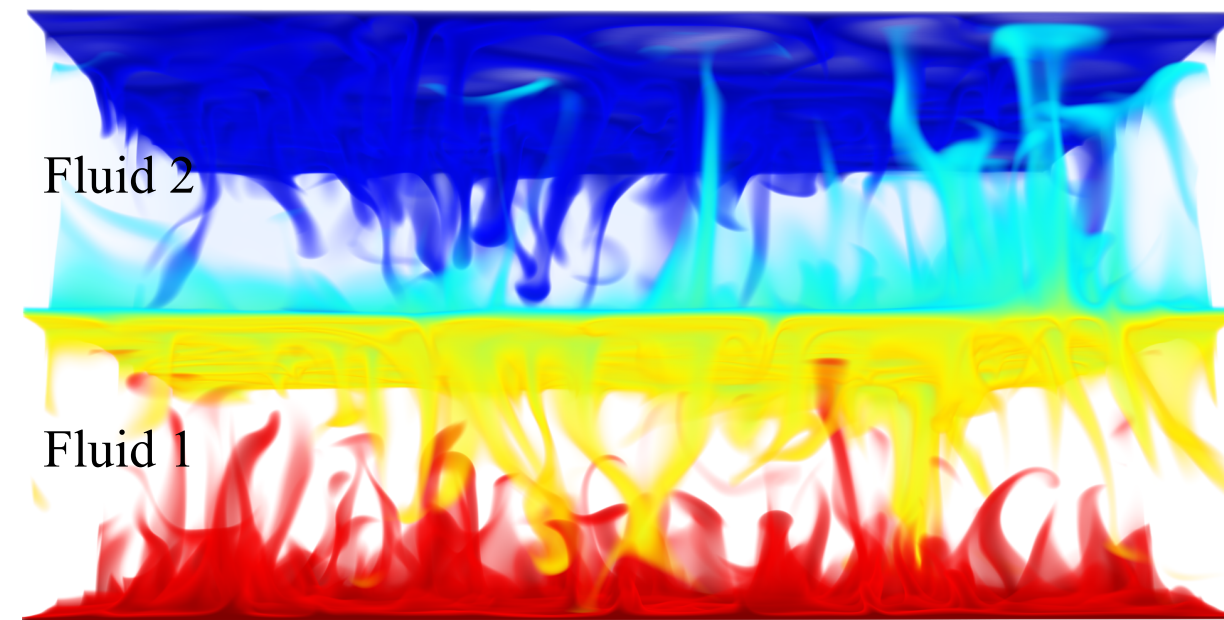
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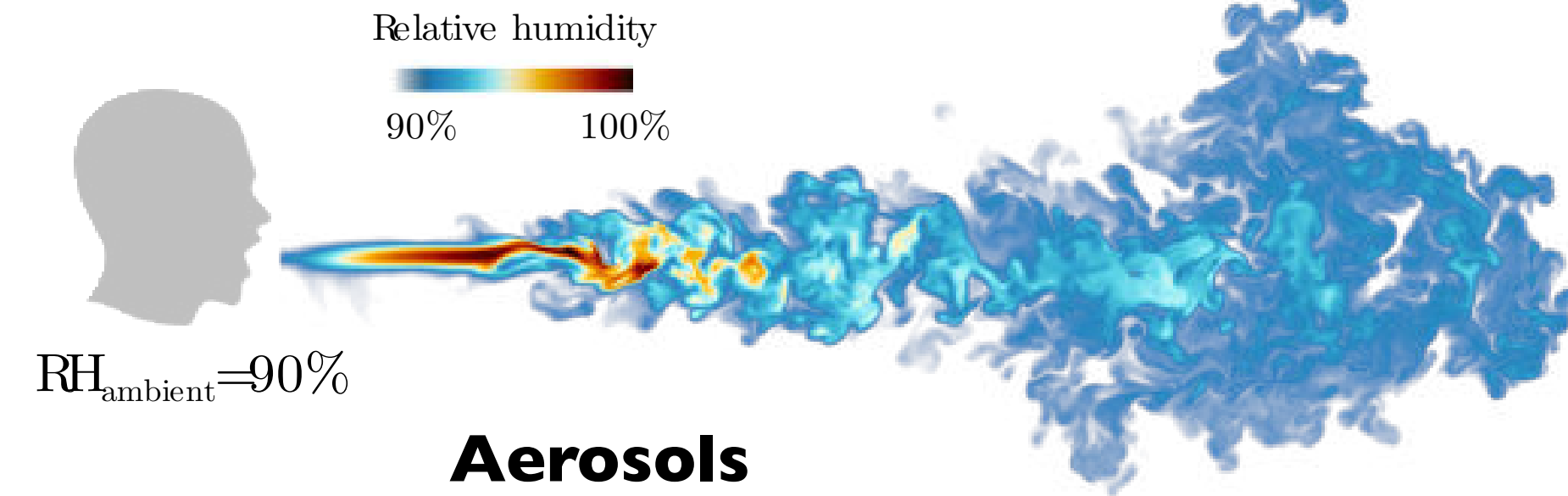
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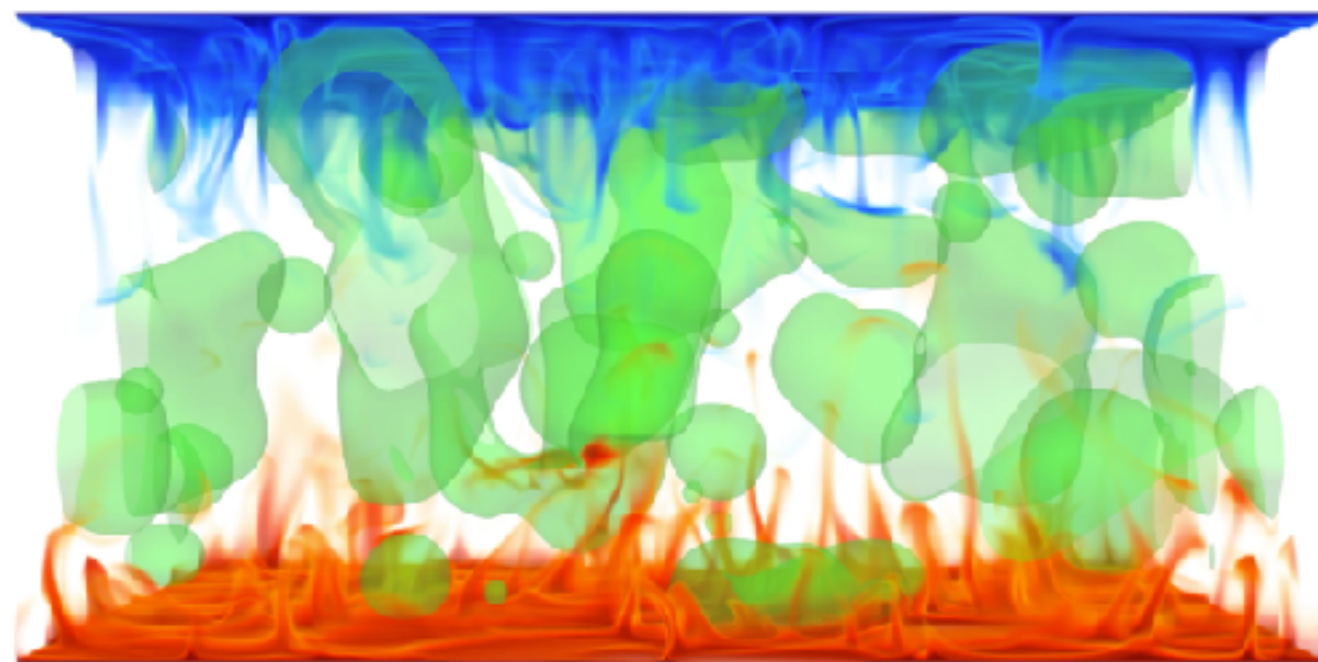
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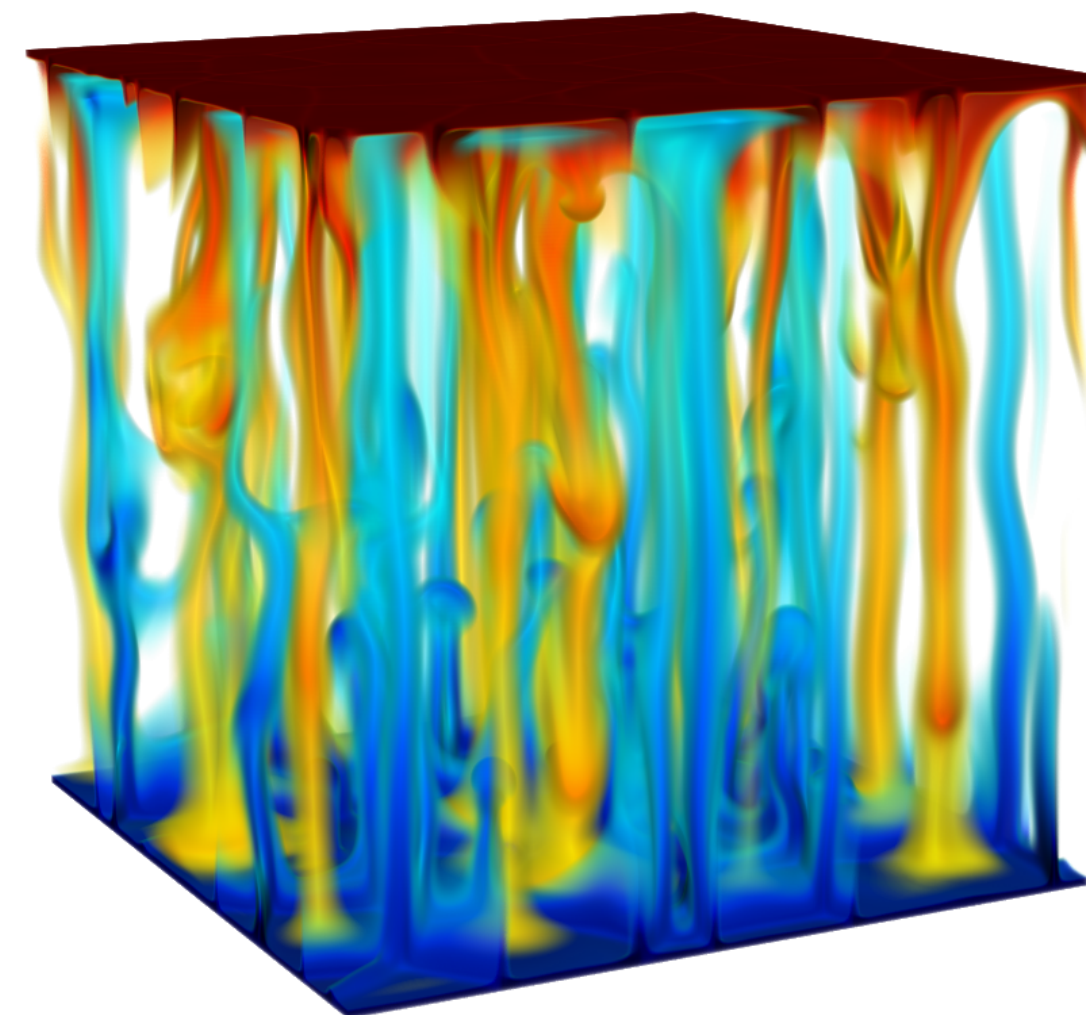
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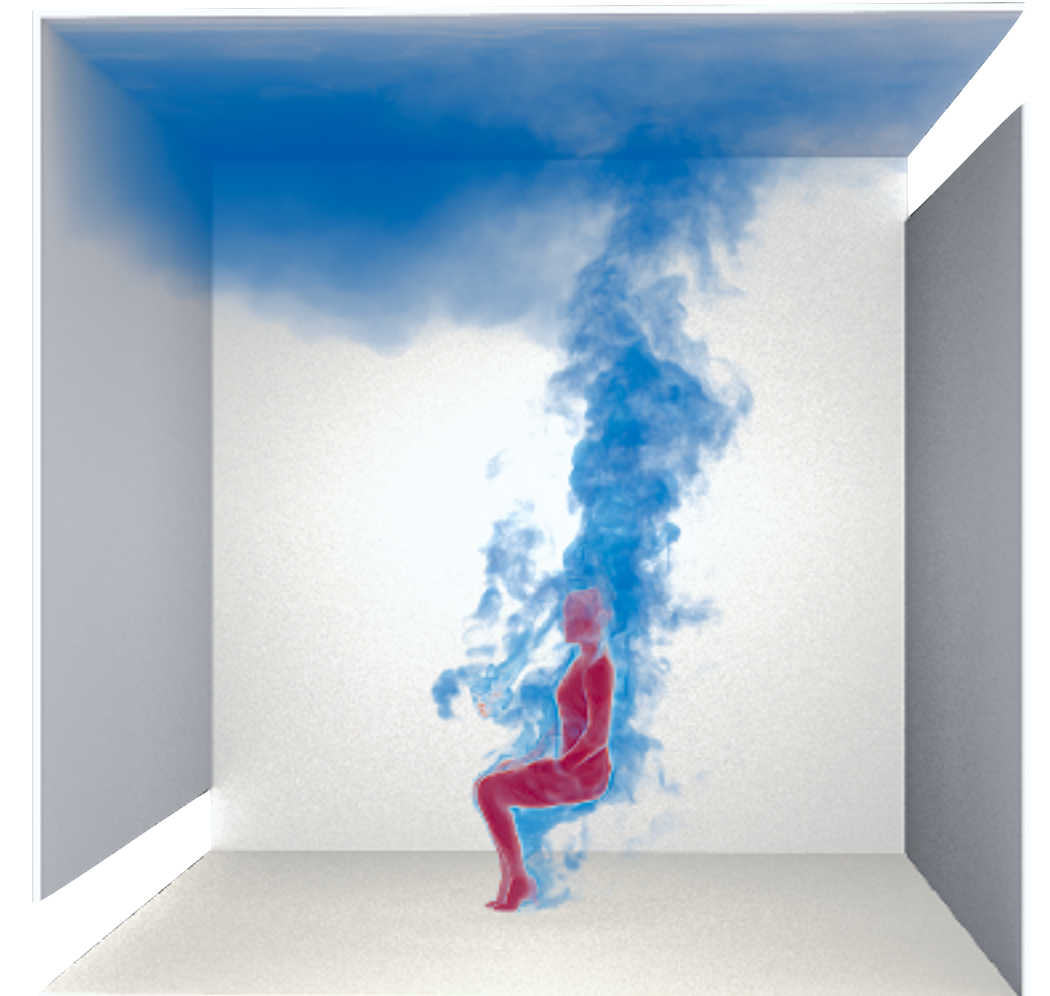
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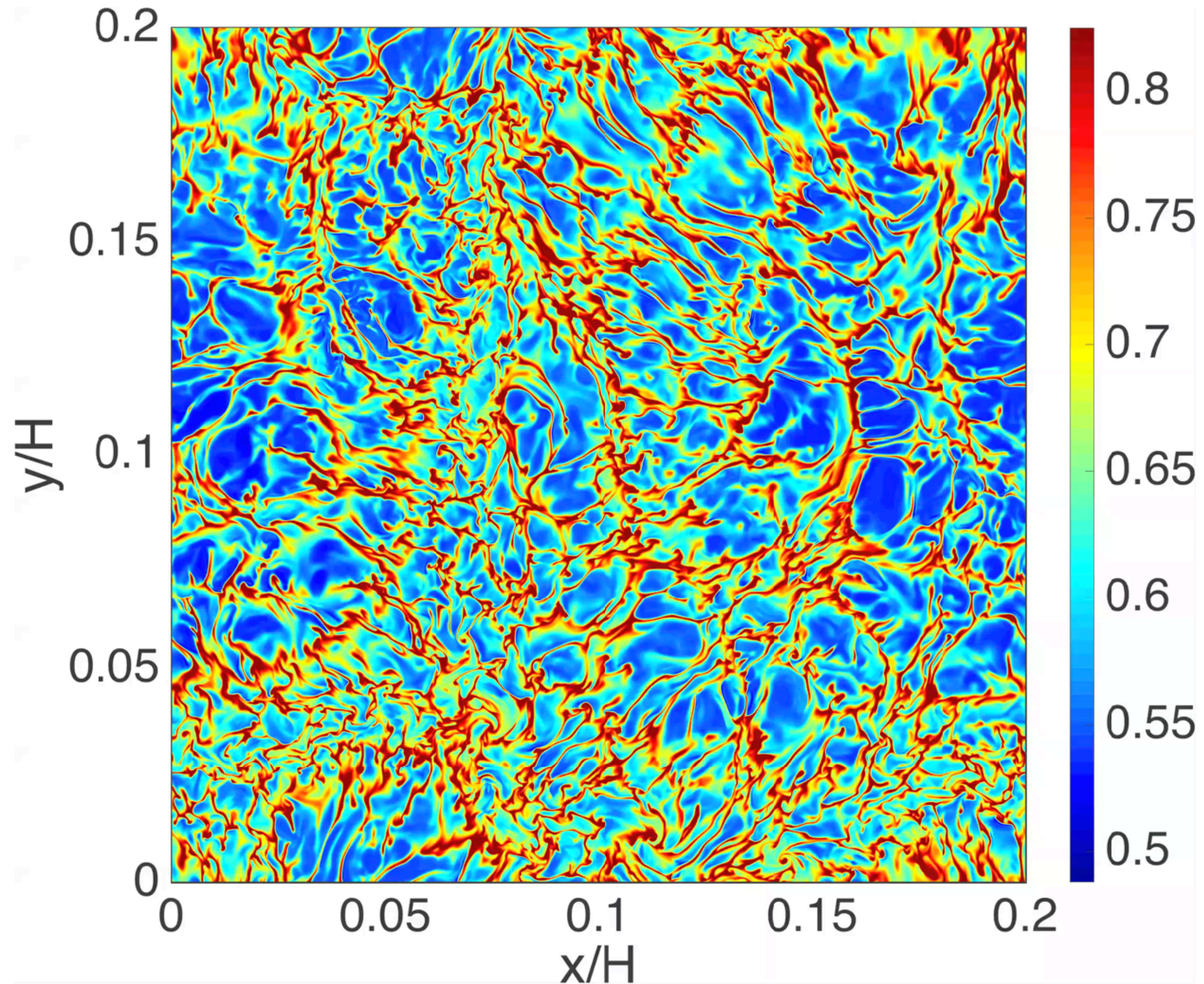
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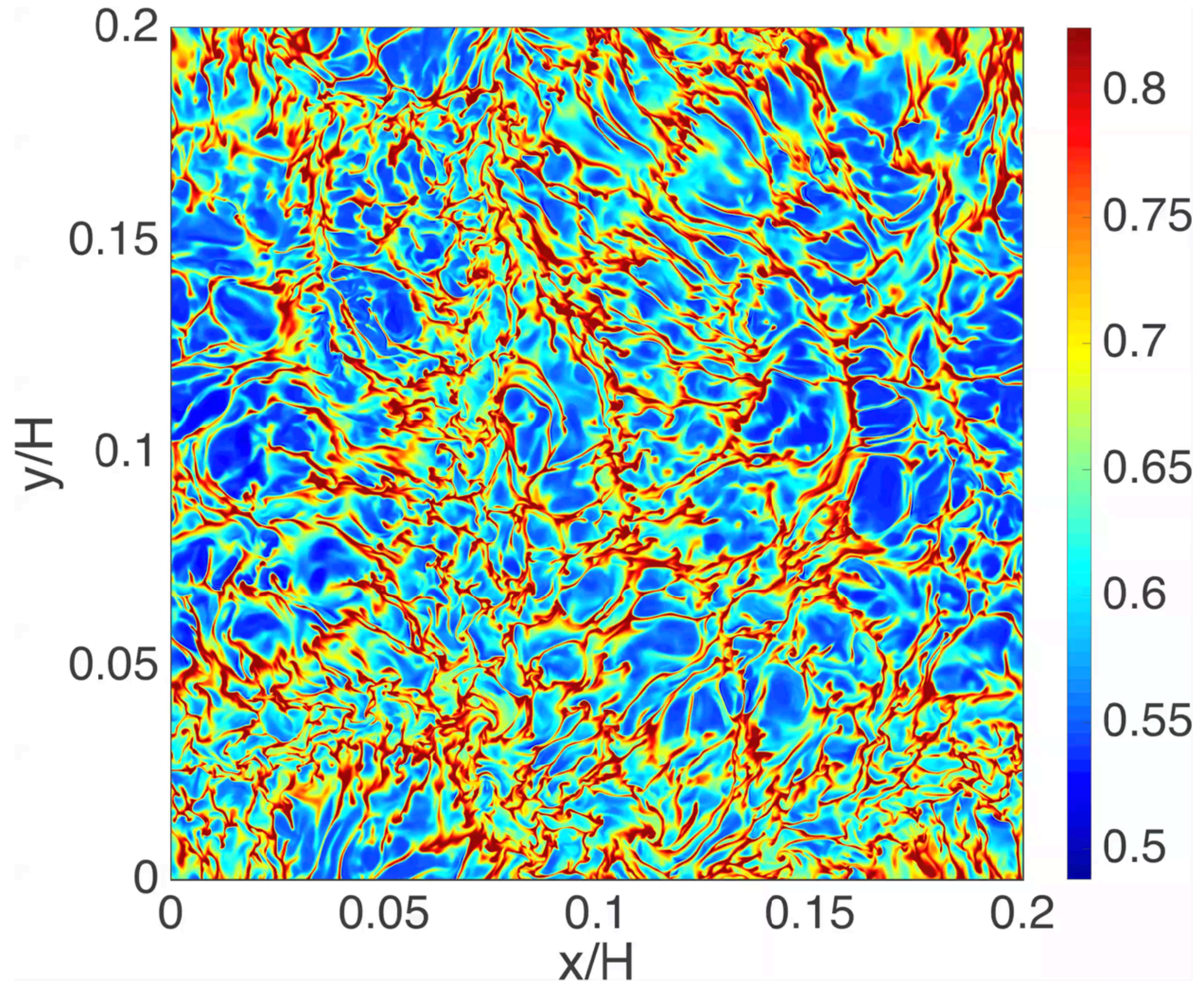
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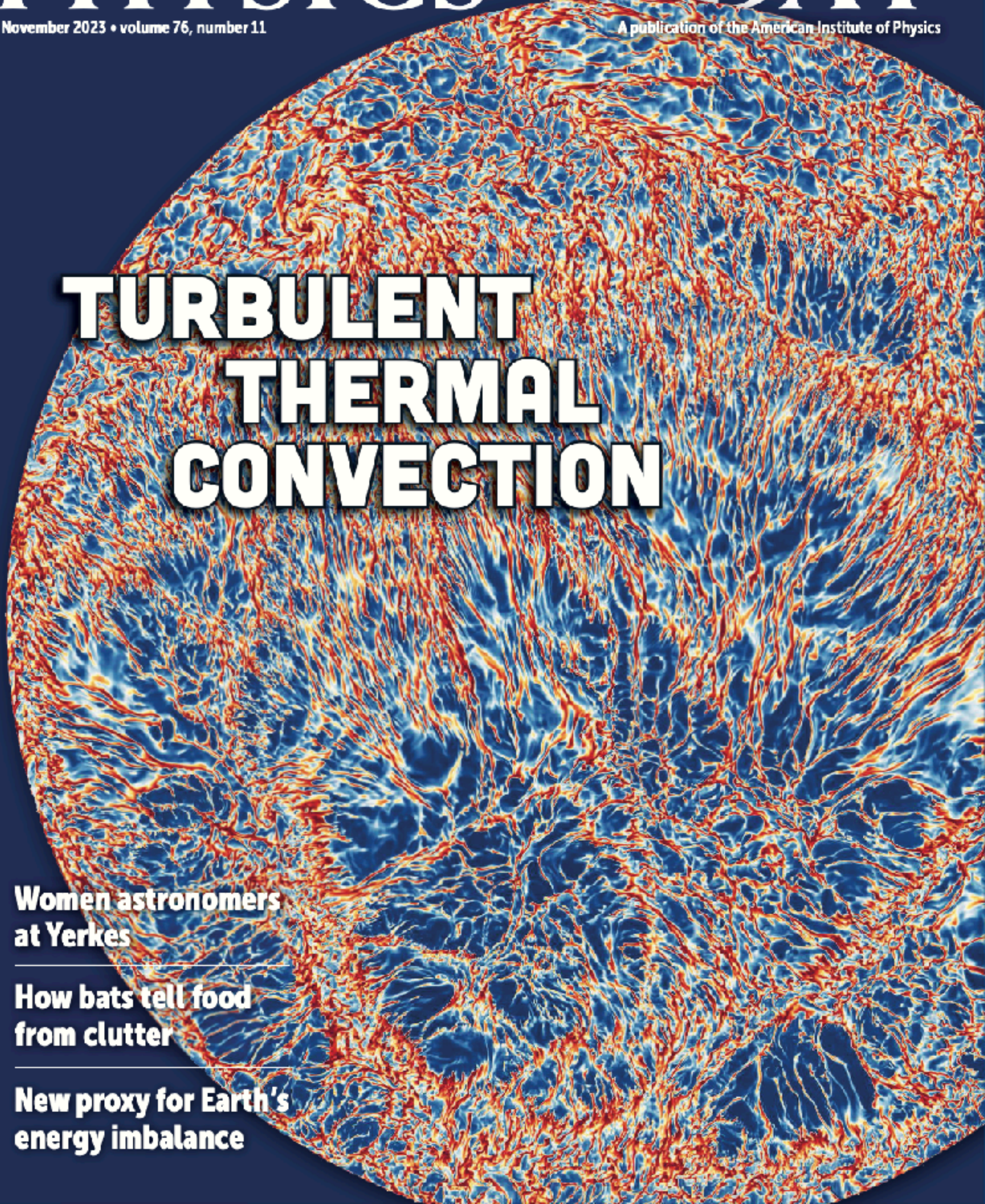
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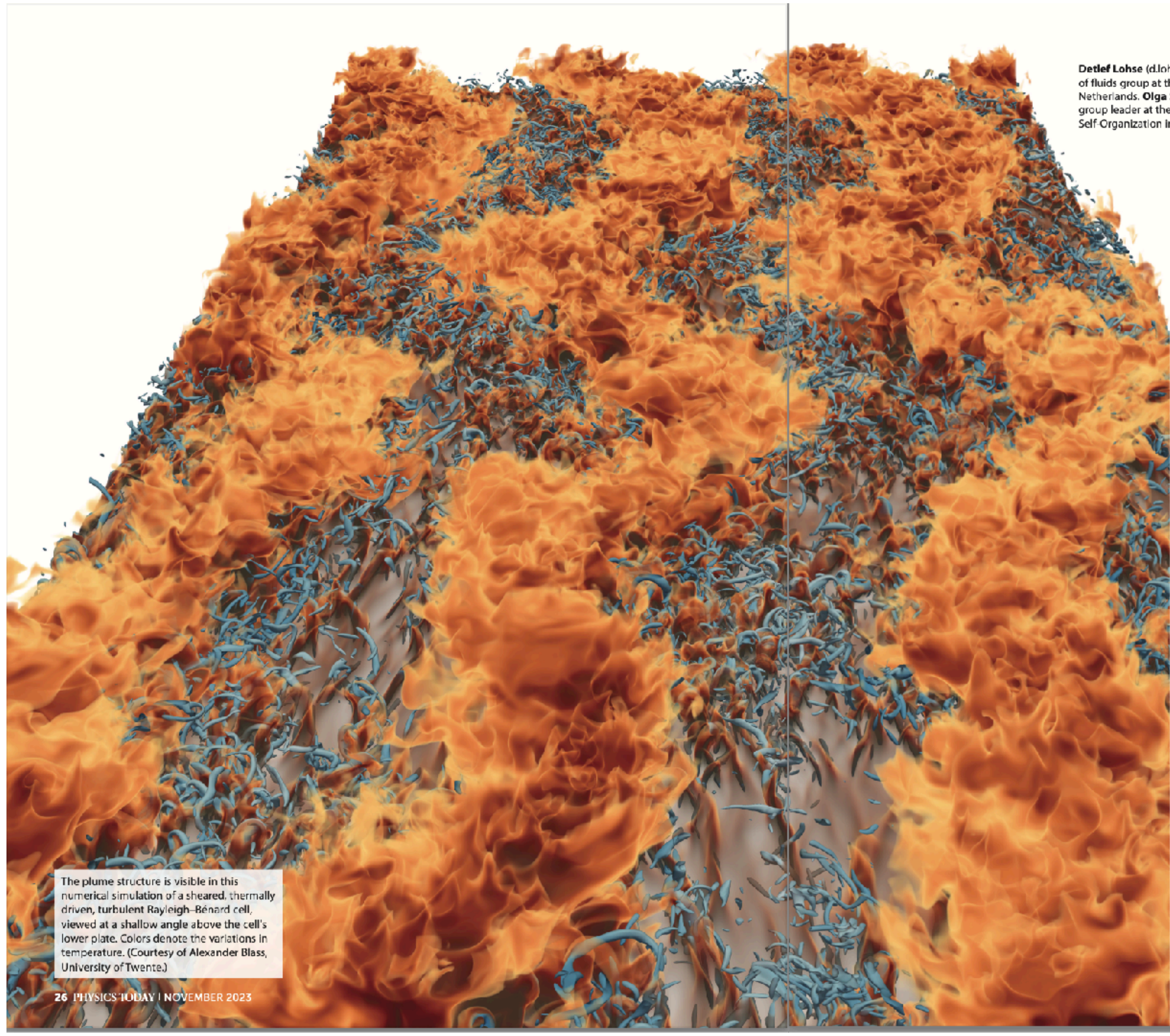


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Ultimate turbulent thermal convection

Detlef Lohse and Olga Shishkina

Recent studies of a model system—a fluid in a box heated from below and cooled from above—provide insights into the physics of turbulent thermal convection. But upscaling the system to extremely strong turbulence remains difficult.

Thermally driven turbulent flow can be found throughout nature and technology. Such flow transports not only heat but also mass and momentum. Comprehending what determines that transport is key to understanding numerous geophysical and astrophysical flows and to being able to control the industrial and more general flows that people experience every day.

The plume structure is visible in this numerical simulation of a sheared, thermally driven, turbulent Rayleigh-Bénard cell, viewed at a shallow angle above the cell's lower plate. Colors denote the variations in temperature. (Courtesy of Alexander Blass, University of Twente.)

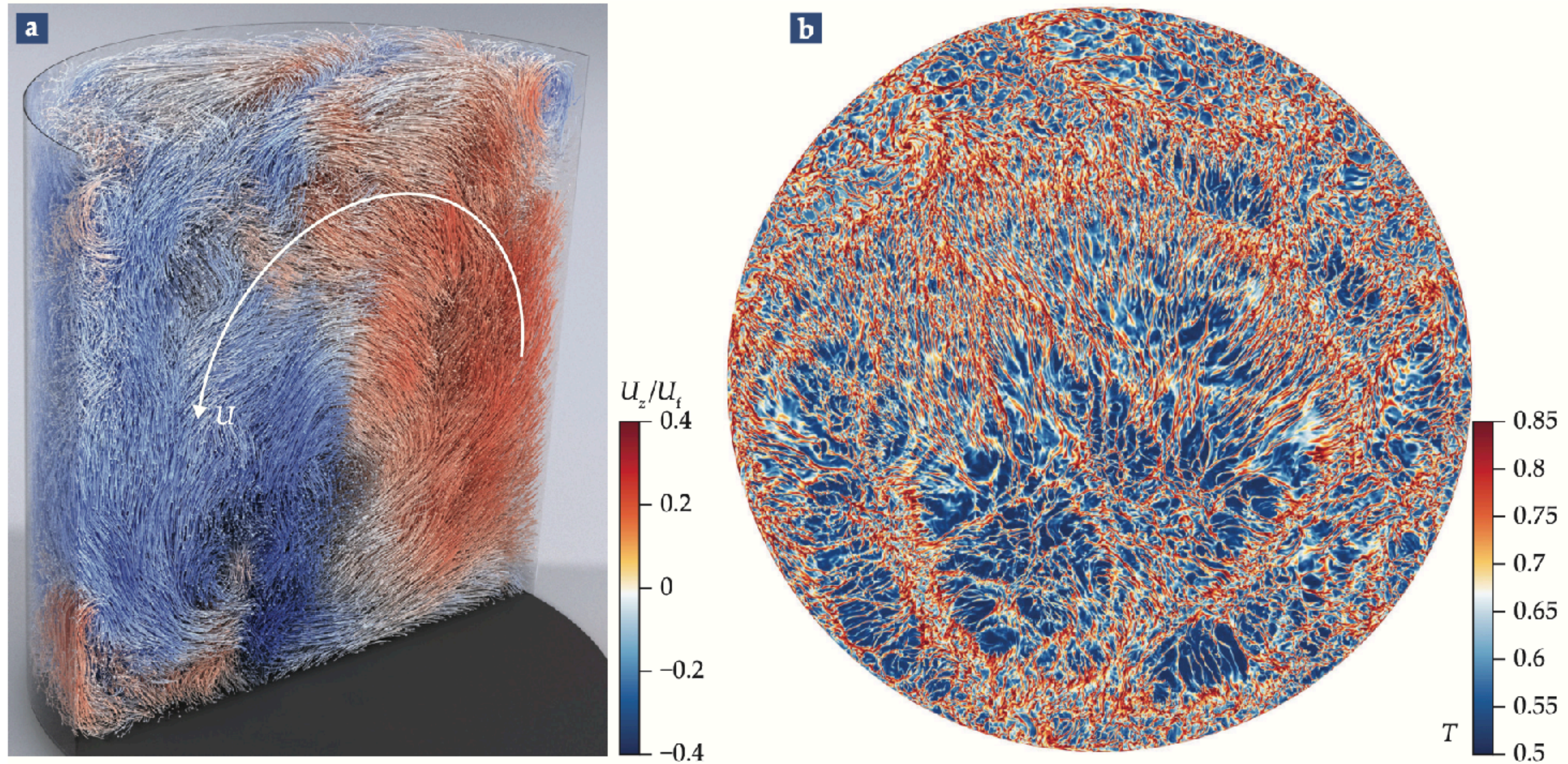
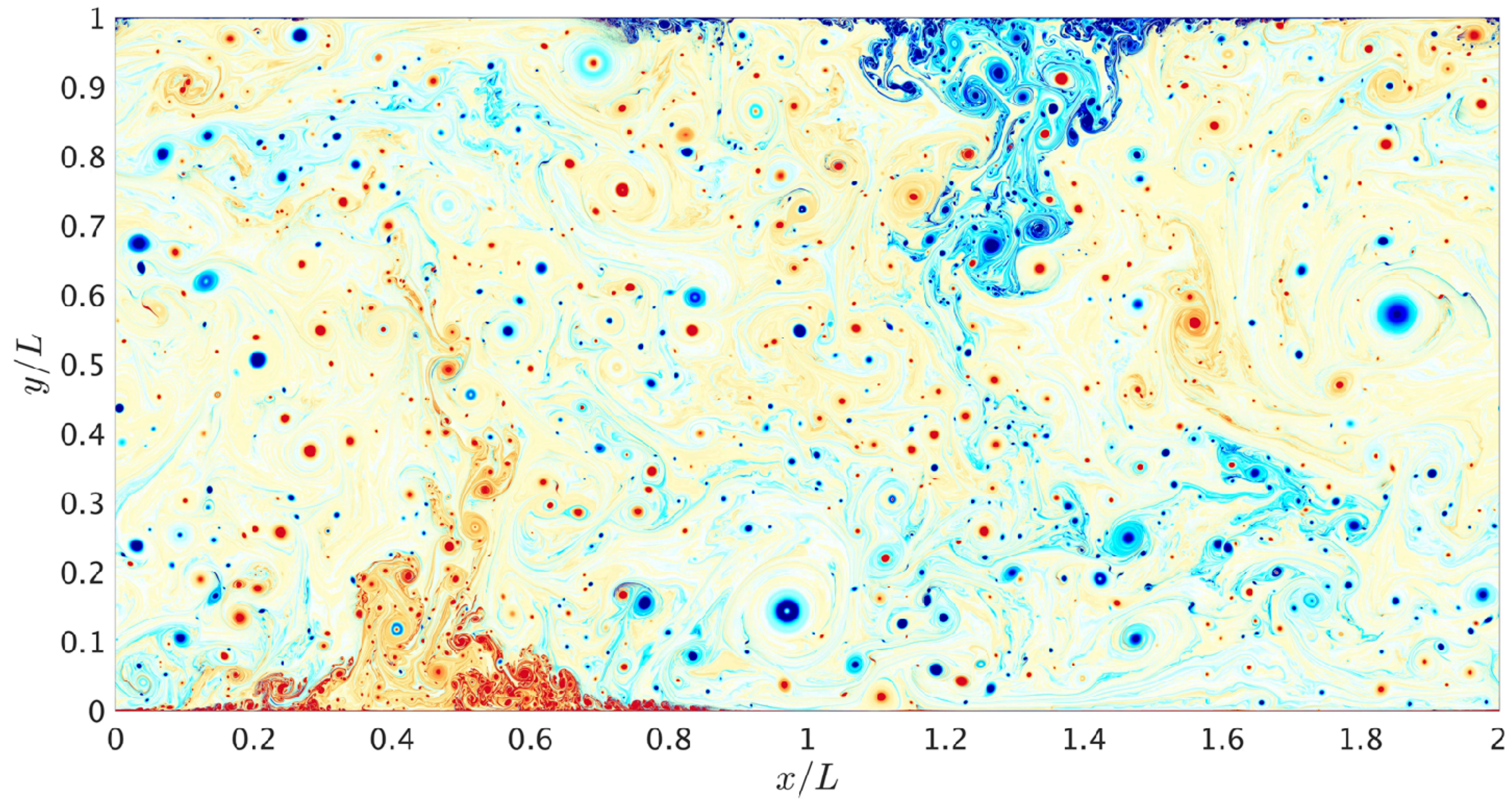


FIGURE 1. THREE-DIMENSIONAL VISUALIZATION of experimental turbulent structures **(a)** in half of a cylindrical Rayleigh–Bénard cell with diameter-to-height aspect ratio $\Gamma = \frac{1}{2}$, Rayleigh number $Ra = 1.5 \times 10^9$, and Prandtl number $Pr \approx 0.7$ (see the main text for definitions). The particles with trails reveal small turbulent structures in the dominating large-scale convection, which has typical velocity U . The vertical component of the velocity, U_z , is plotted here, normalized by the so-called free-fall velocity $U_f \equiv \sqrt{\beta\Delta gL}$. (Adapted from P. Godbersen et al., *Phys. Rev. Fluids* **6**, 110509, 2021.) **(b)** This cross-sectional snapshot from a fully resolved direct numerical simulation of a cylindrical convection cell with $Ra = 10^{13}$, $Pr = 1$, and $\Gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ shows the dimensionless temperature field T , which varies from 0 at the top of the cell to 1 at the bottom. It reveals the tiny detaching plume structure. (Courtesy of Richard Stevens, University of Twente; based on an advanced finite-difference code developed by Roberto Verzicco, Tor Vergata University of Rome.)

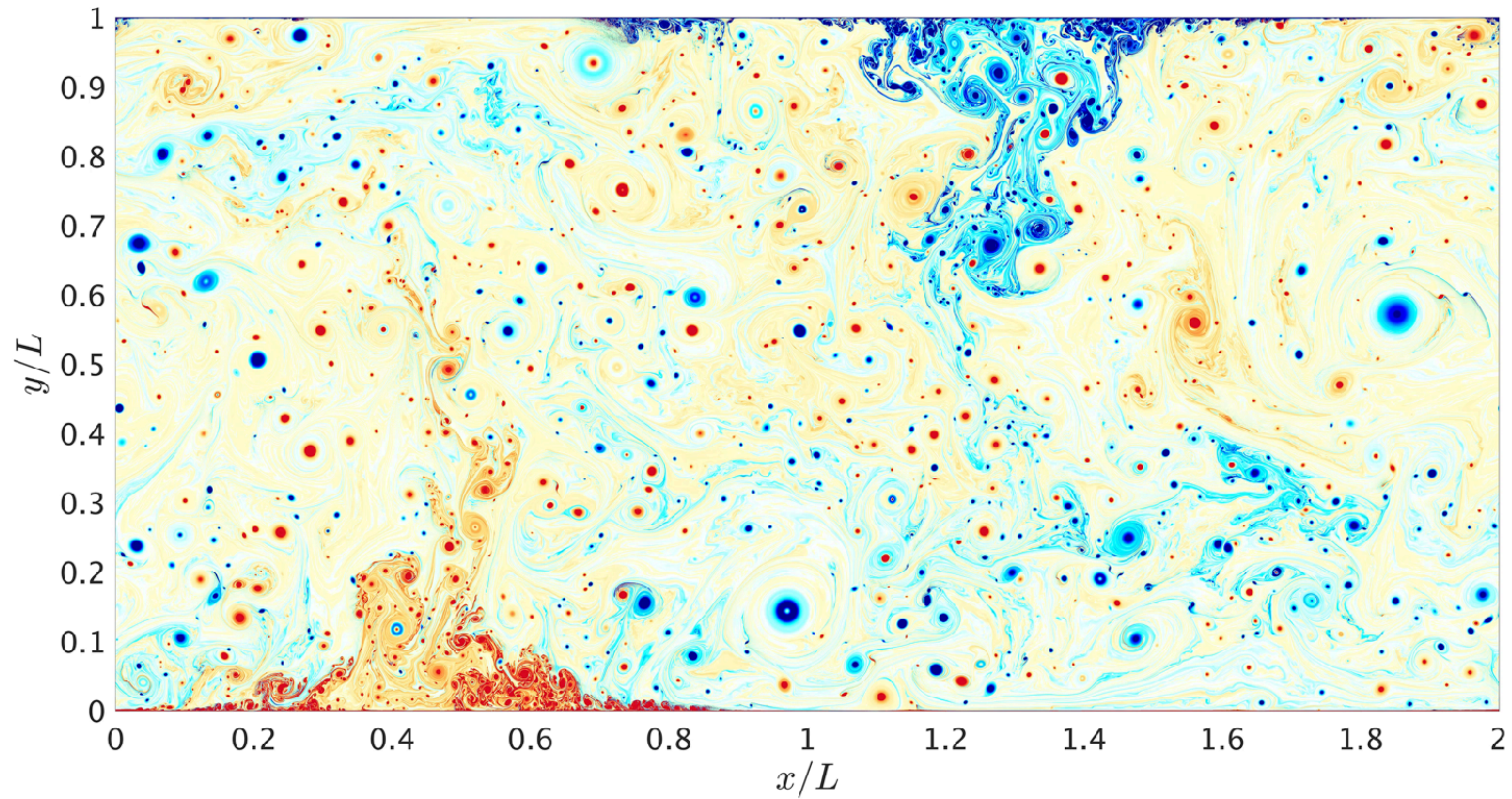
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Zhong *et al.*, PRL 102, 044502 (2009)

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Yang *et al.*, PRL 117, 184501 (2016)

Ultimate Rayleigh-Bénard



Zhu *et al.*, PRL 120, 144502 (2018)

Convection with aerosols



Chong *et al.*, PRL 126, 034502 (2021)

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Phase field model
for volume fraction C

Cahn-Hilliard equation:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}C) = \frac{1}{Pe} \nabla^2 \psi$$

Chemical potential:

$$\psi = C^3 - 1.5C^2 + 0.5C - Cn^2 \nabla^2 C$$

Cn = Cahn number

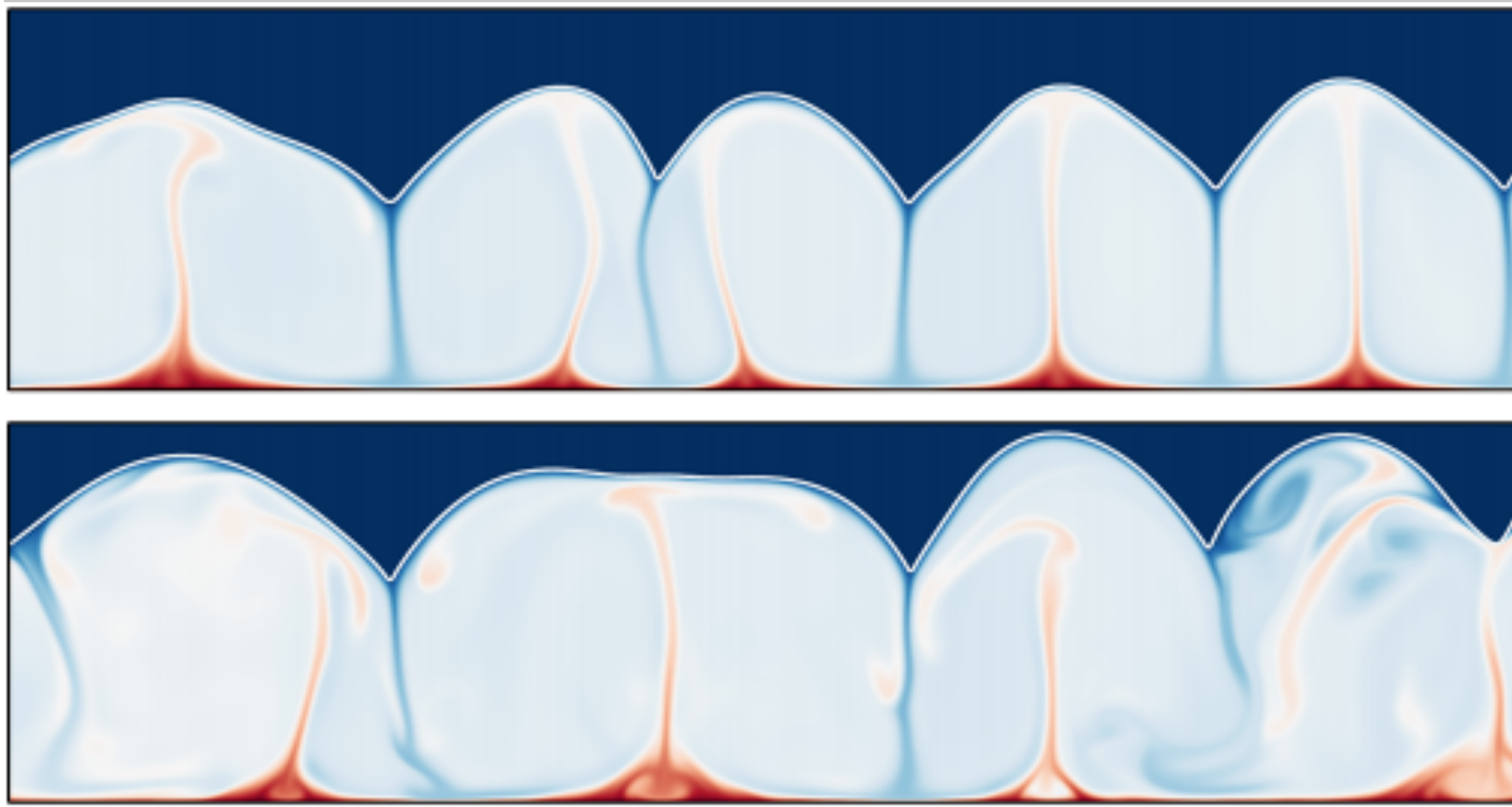
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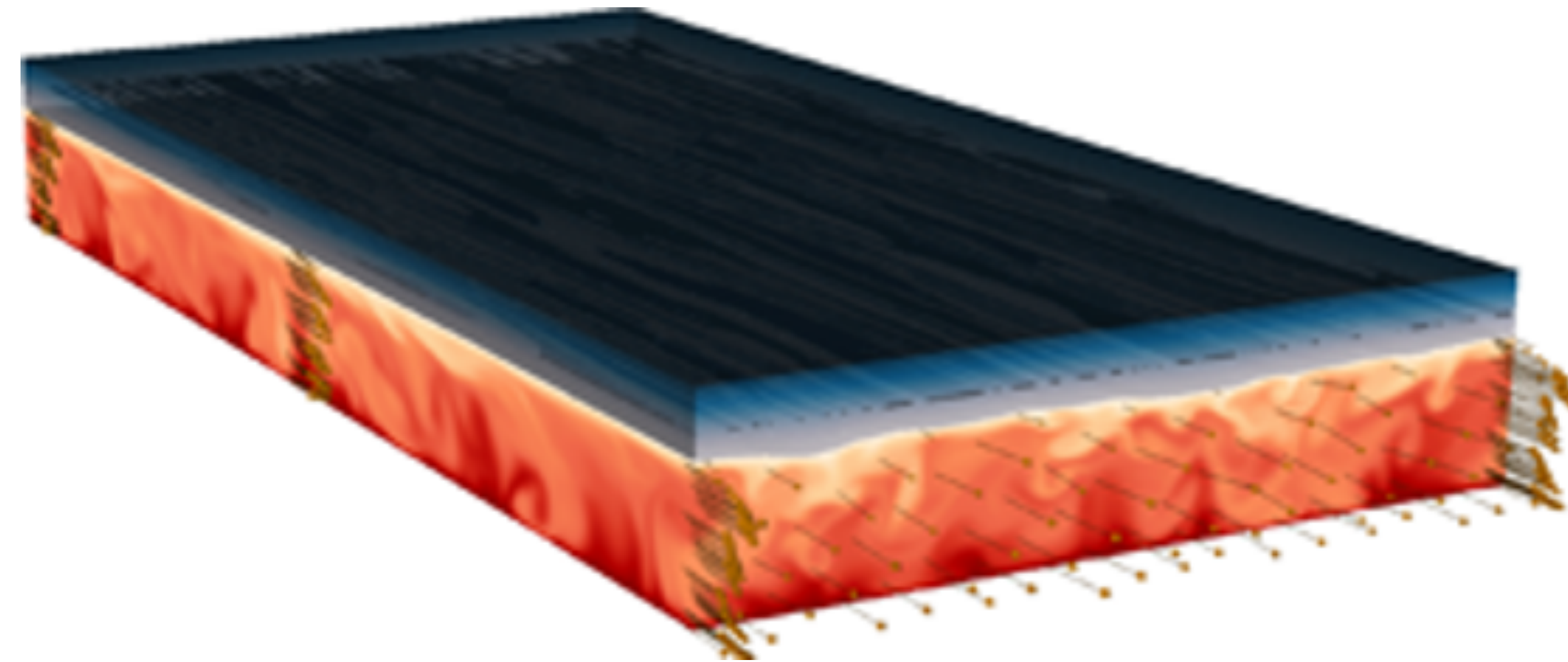
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Phase field method in RB context

Melting process in RB convection



Melting process in turbulent shear flow



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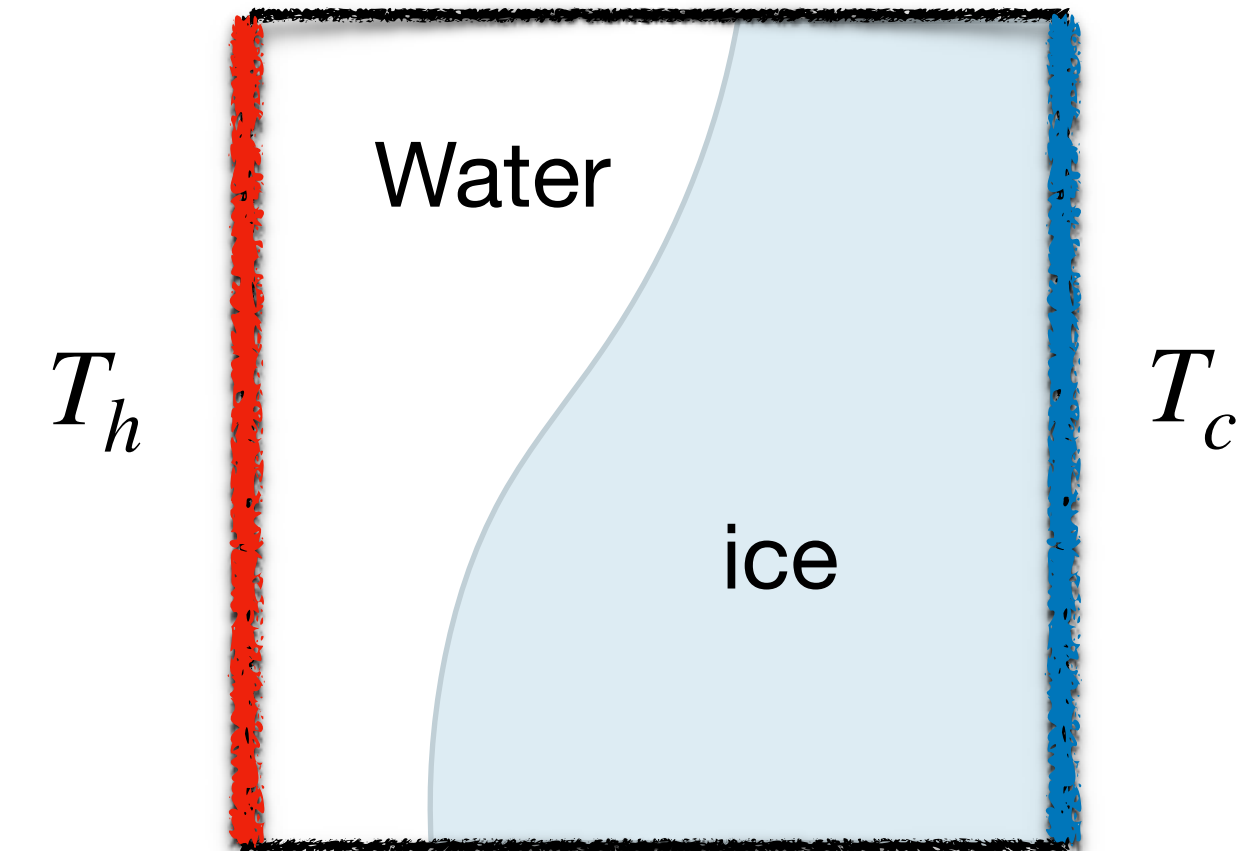
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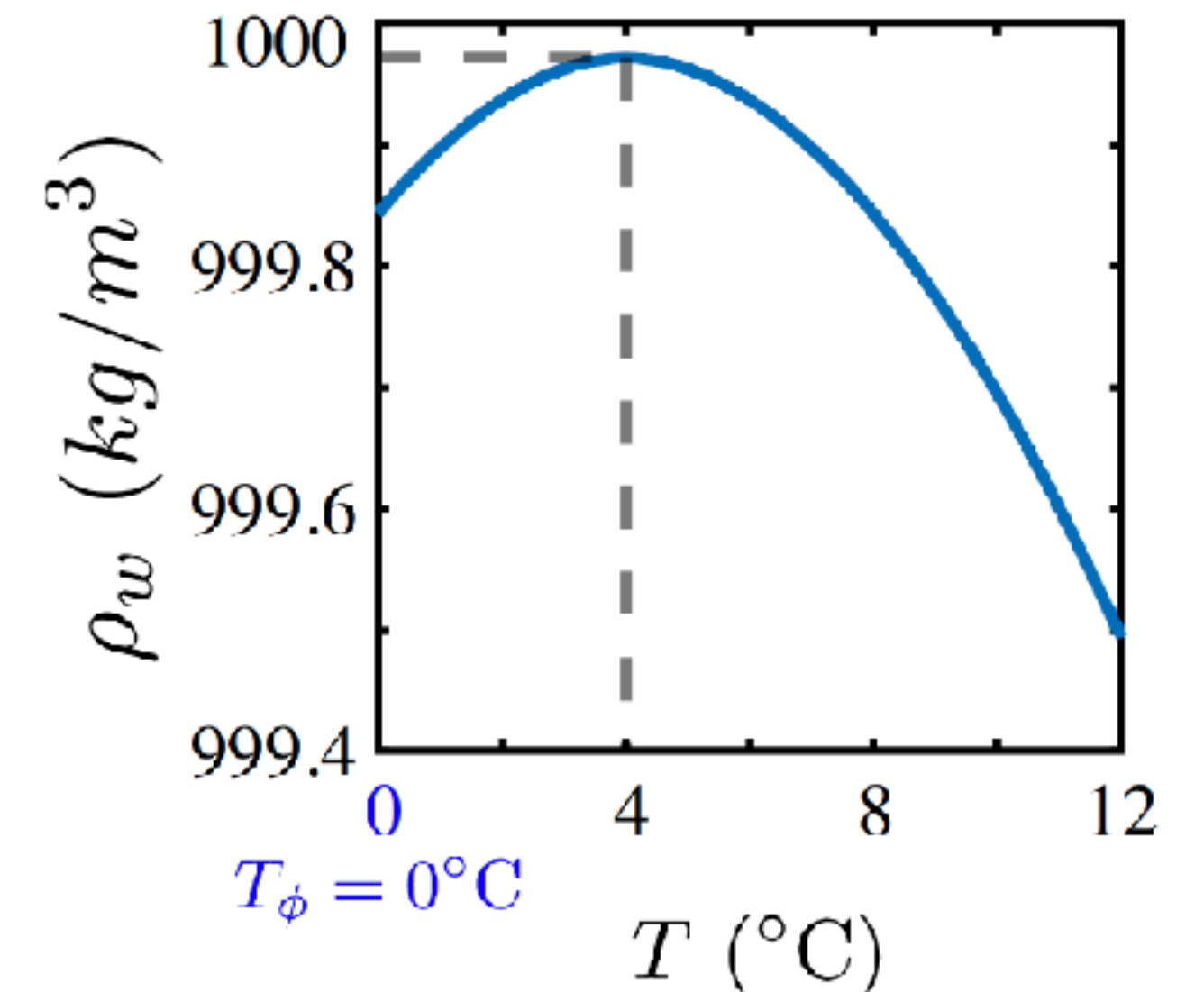
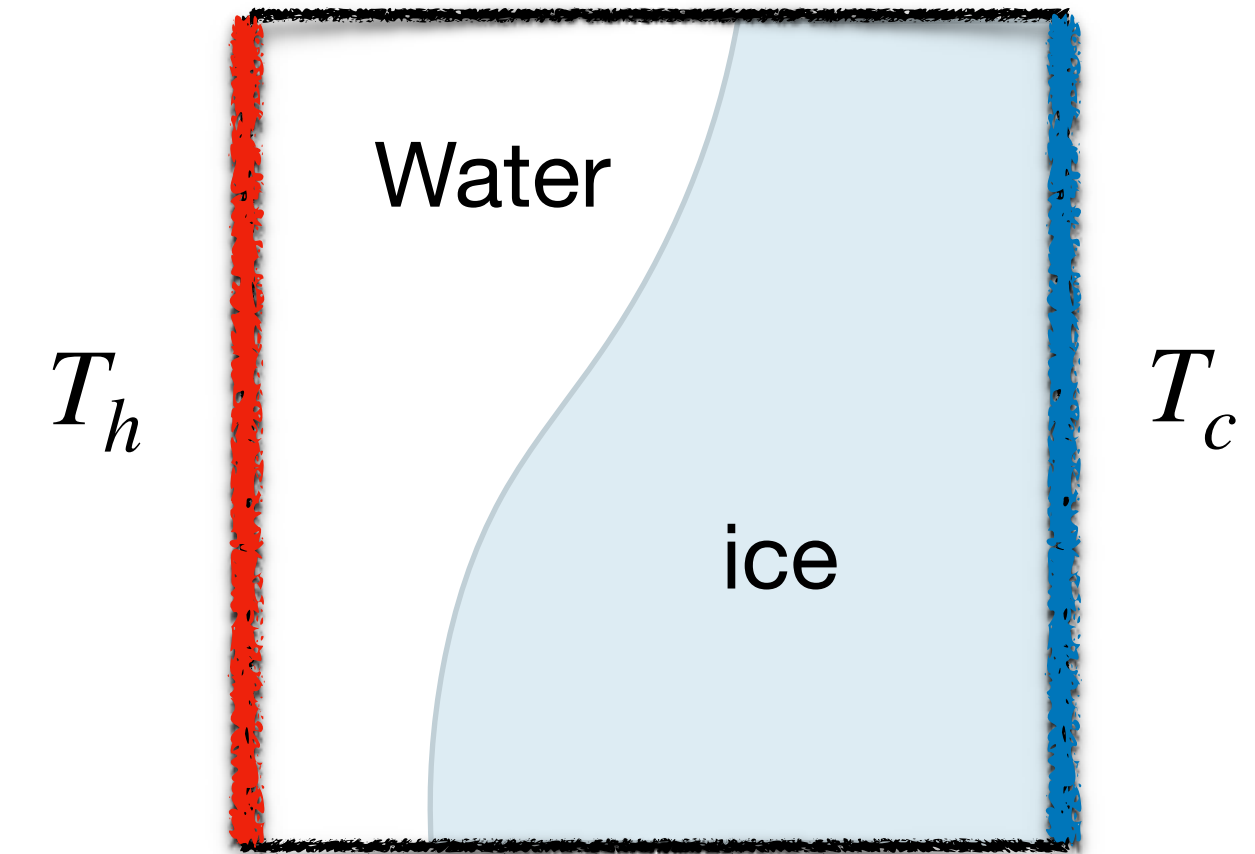
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Water density anomaly:

$$\rho_w = \rho_0 (1 - \beta^* |T - T_{max}|^q)$$

$$T_{max} = 4^\circ\text{C}$$

$$q = 1.895$$



Further extend AFiD to include latent heat

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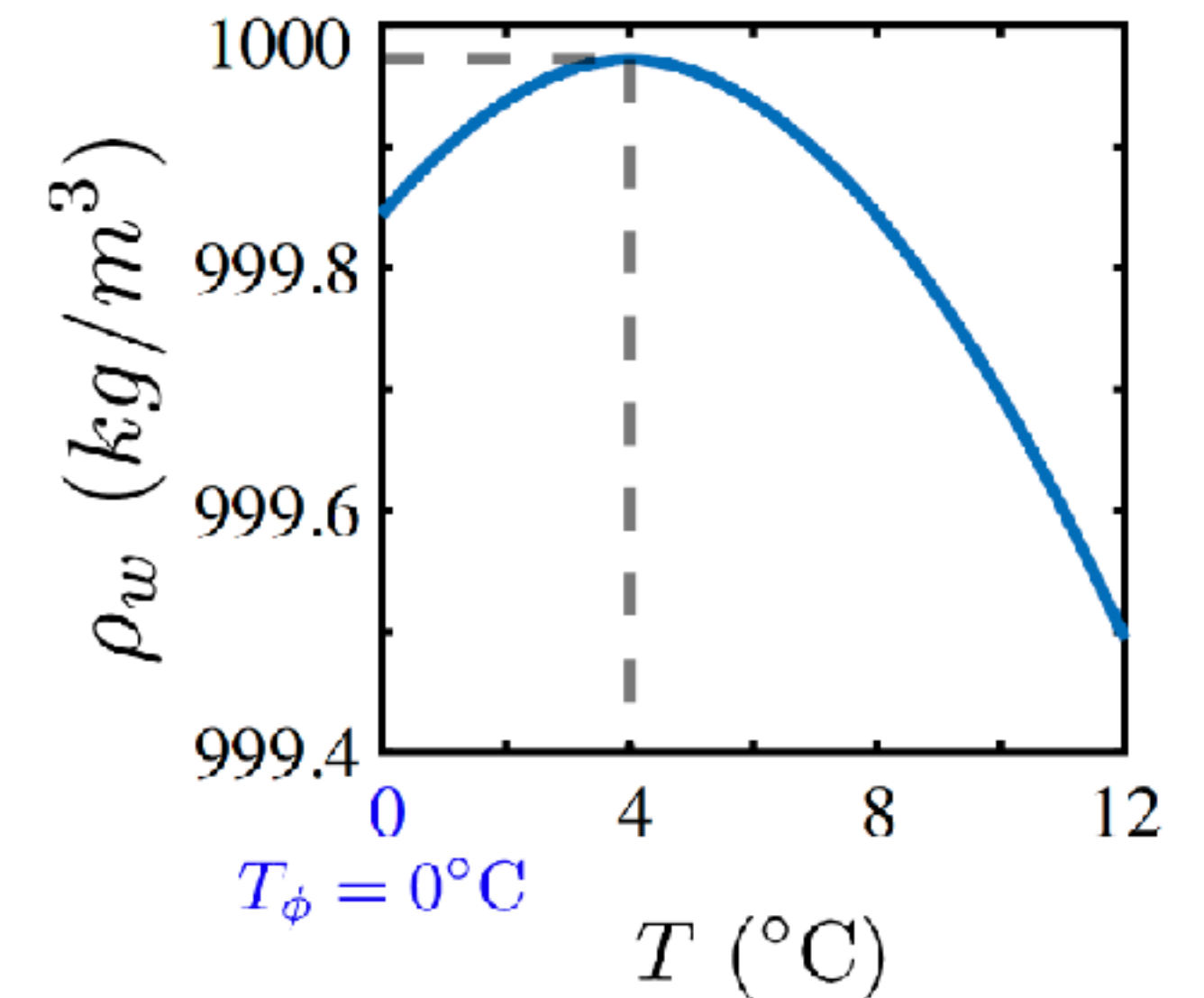
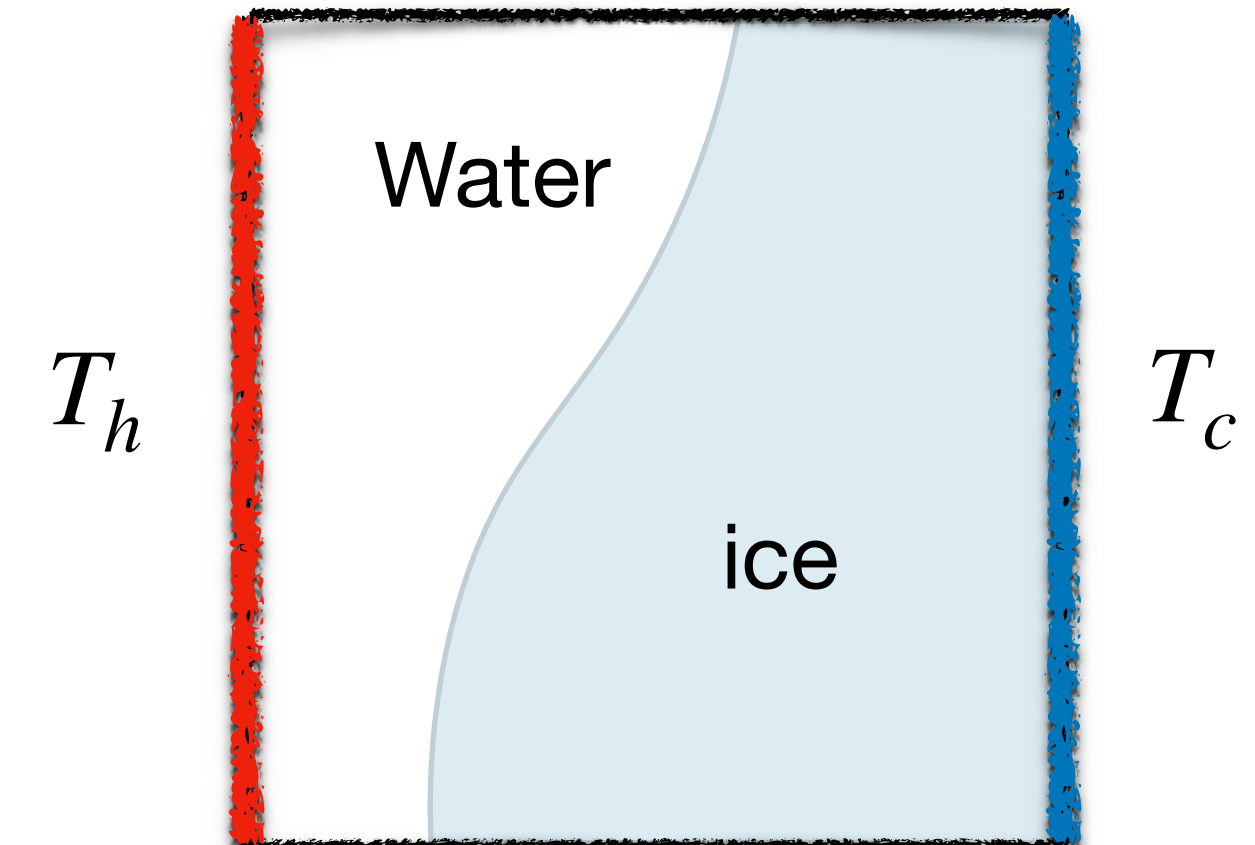
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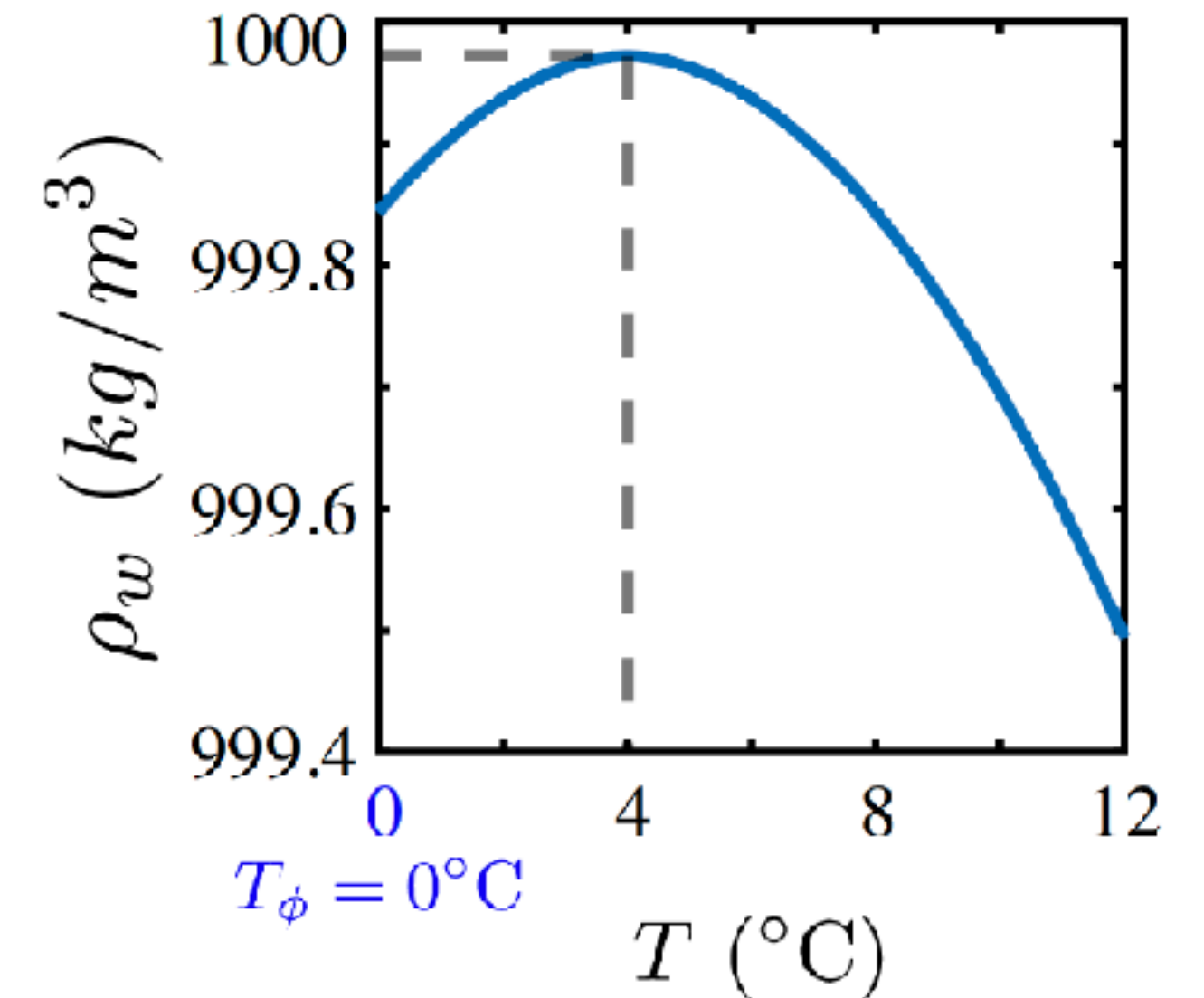
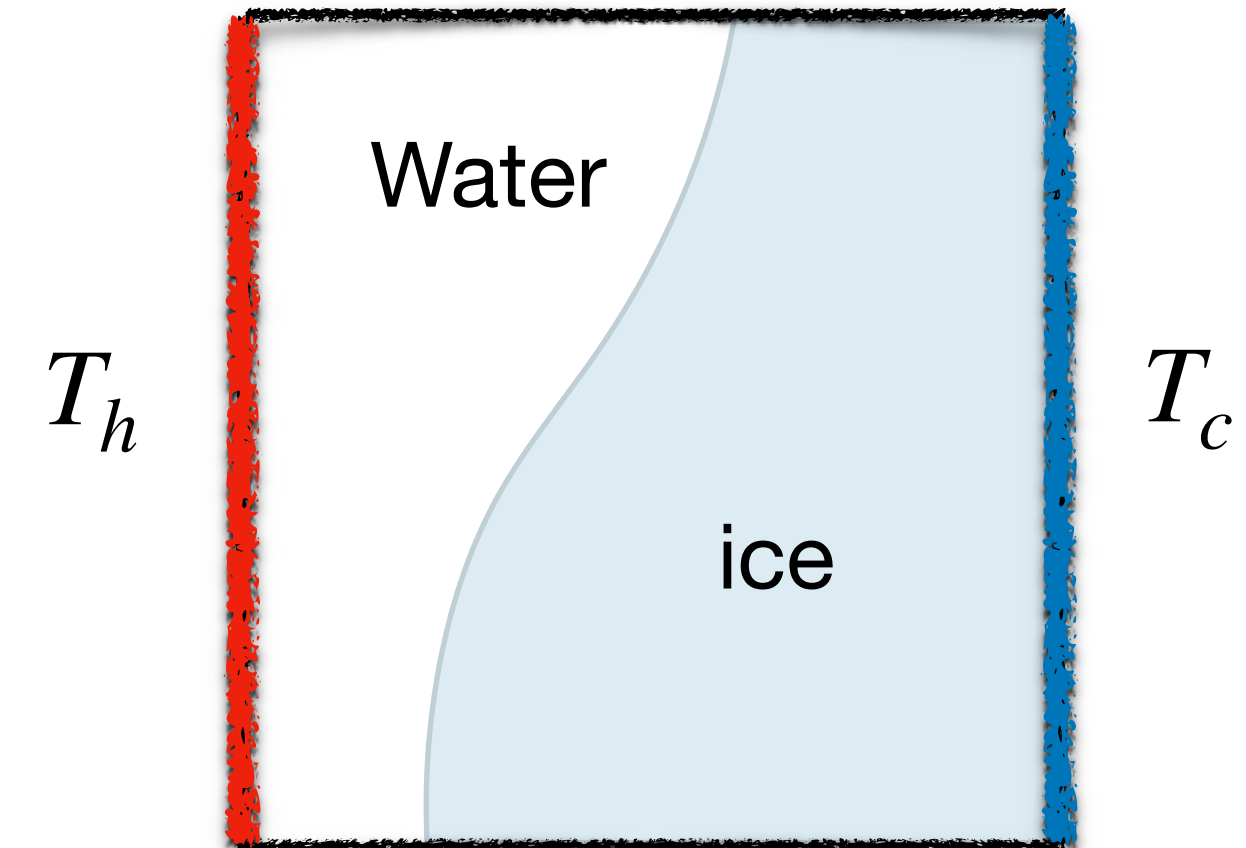
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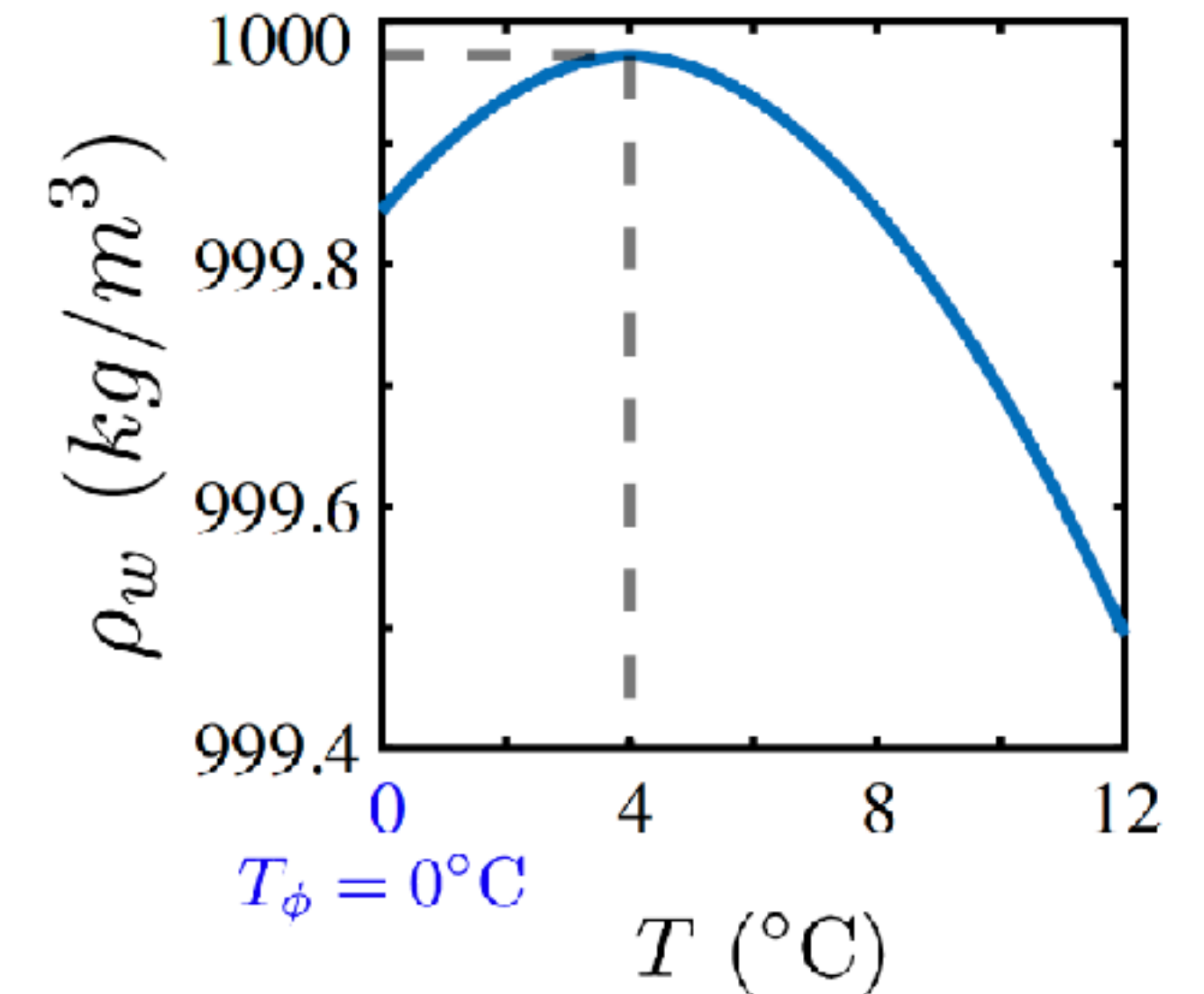
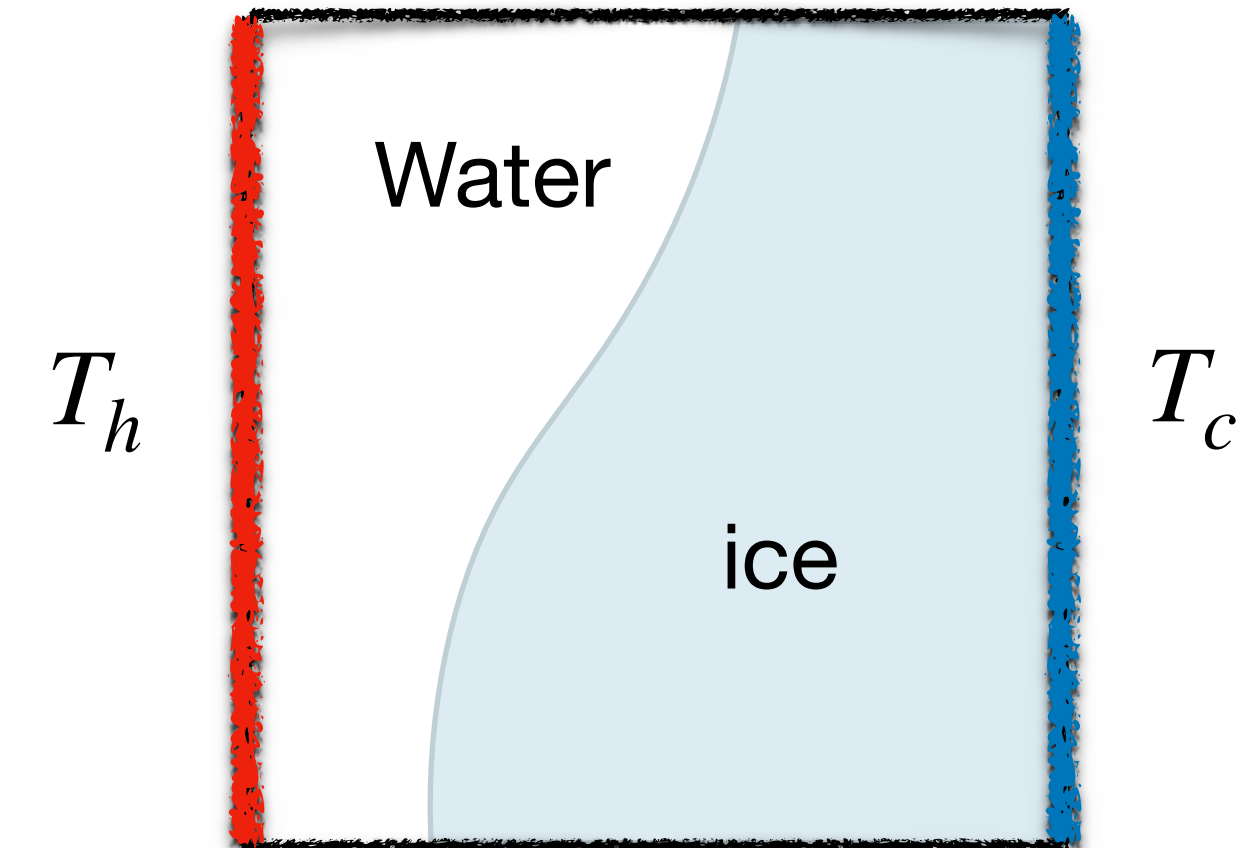
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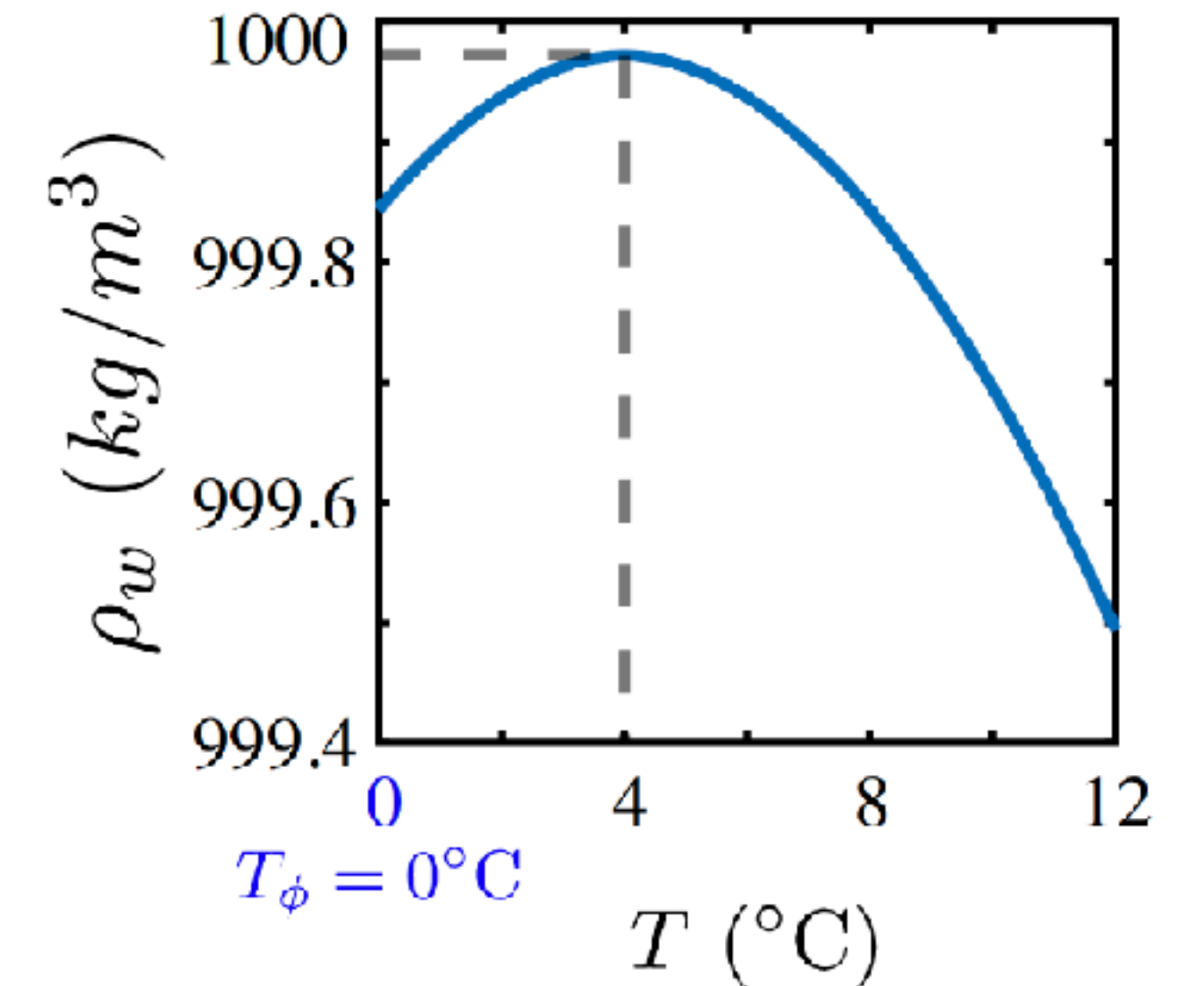
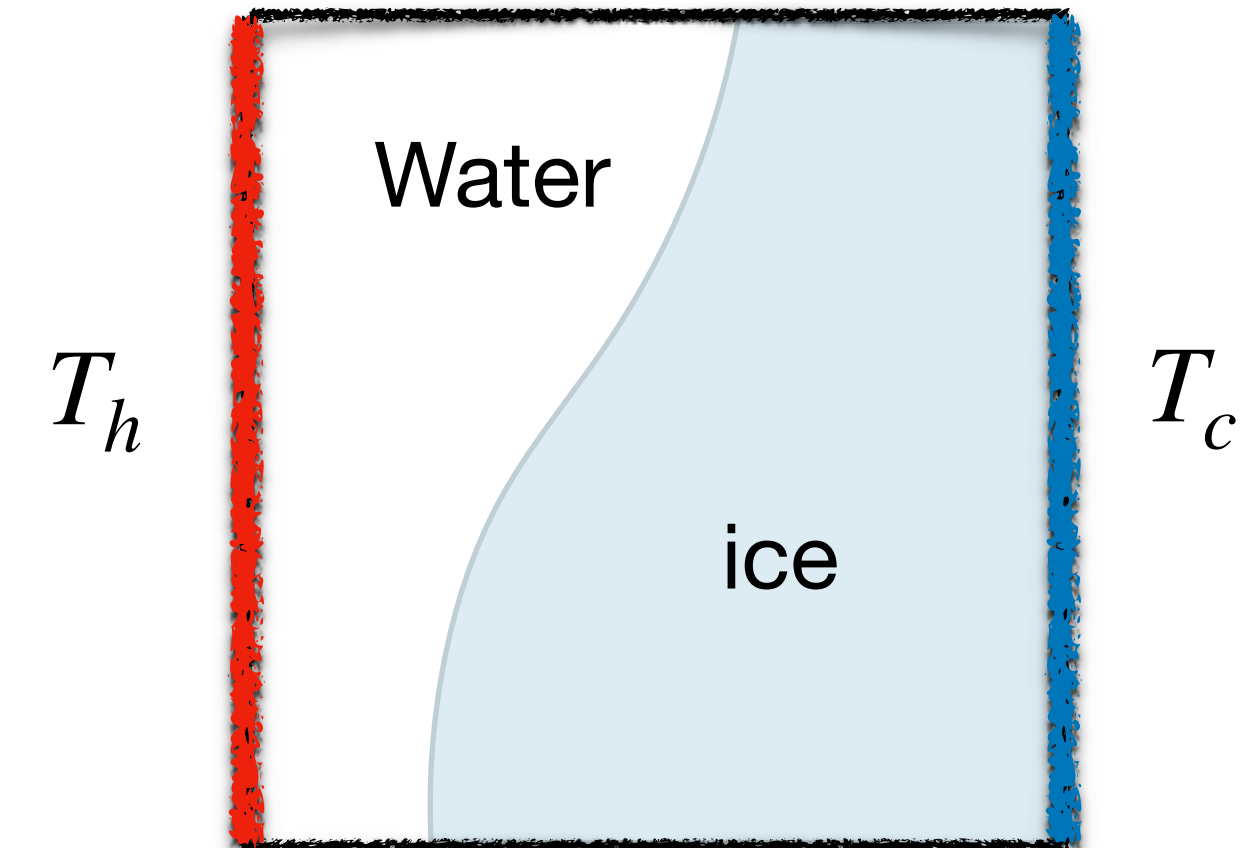
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Double-well function

$$G(\phi) = \phi^2(1 - \phi)^2$$

Latent heat function (interpolated)

$$Q(\phi) = \phi^3(10 - 15\phi + 6\phi^2)$$

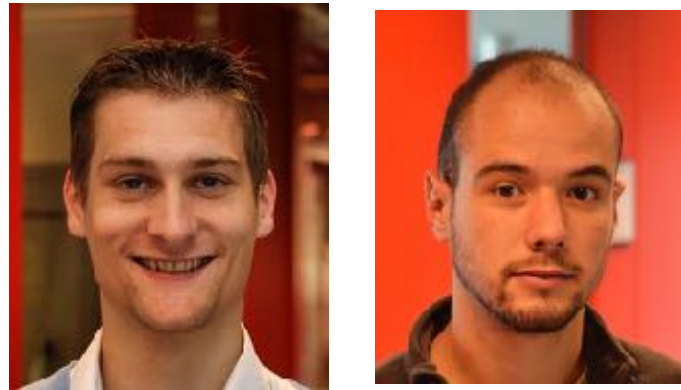


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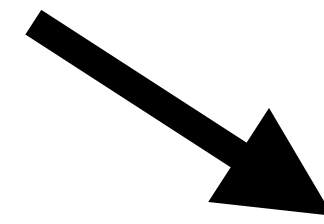


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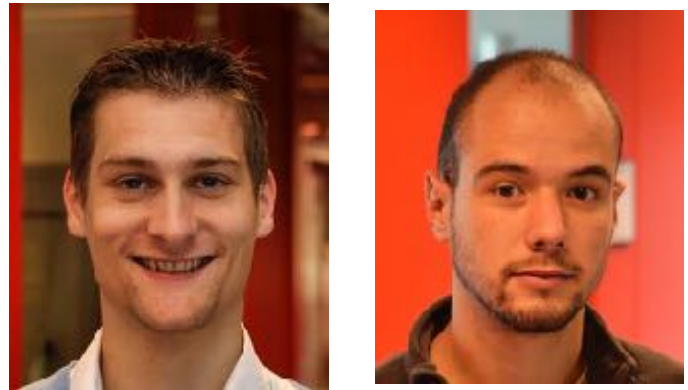


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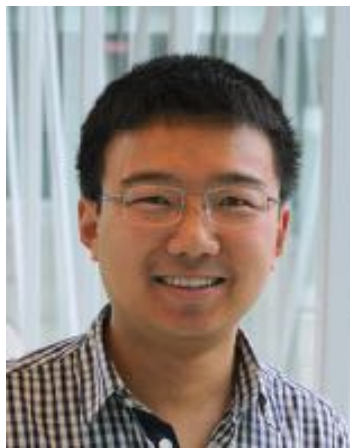


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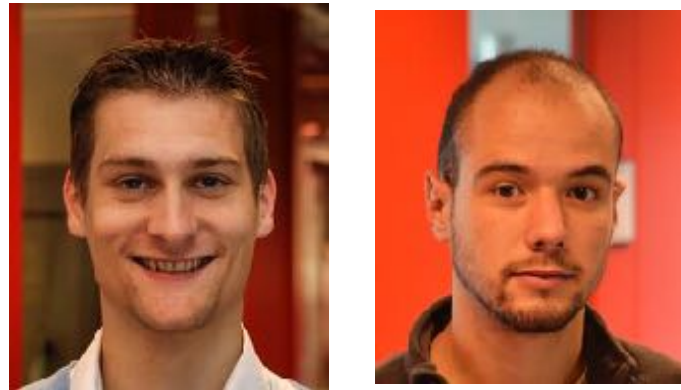
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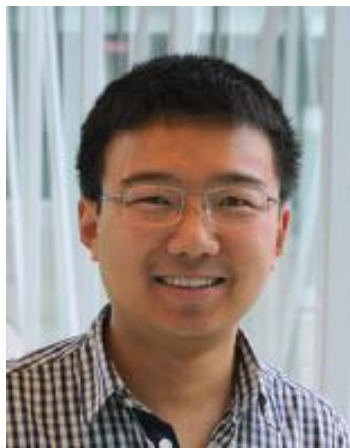
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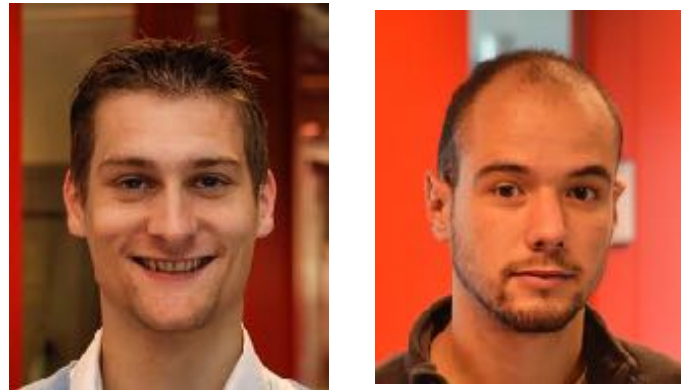


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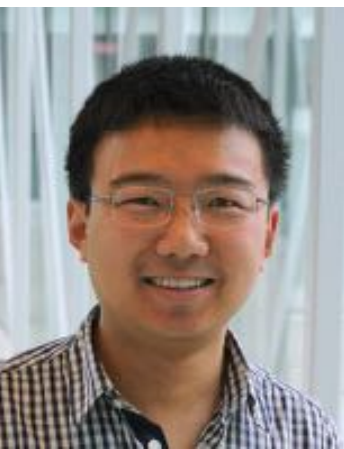
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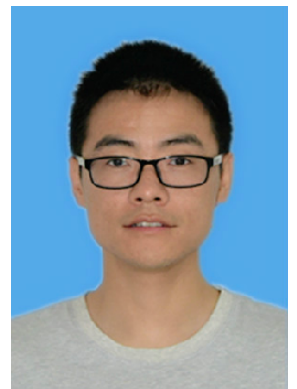
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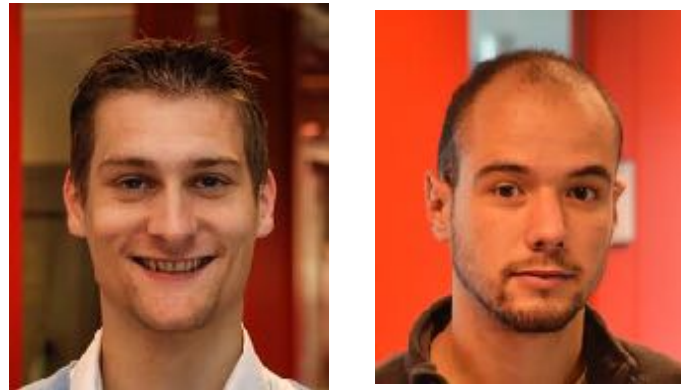


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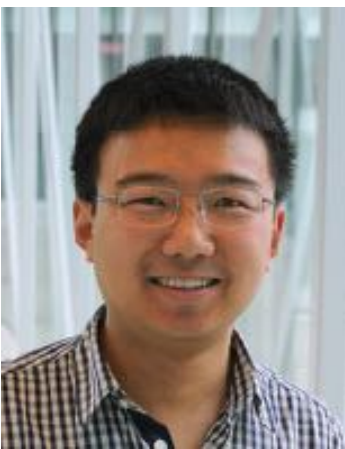
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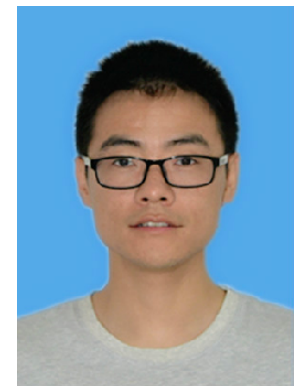


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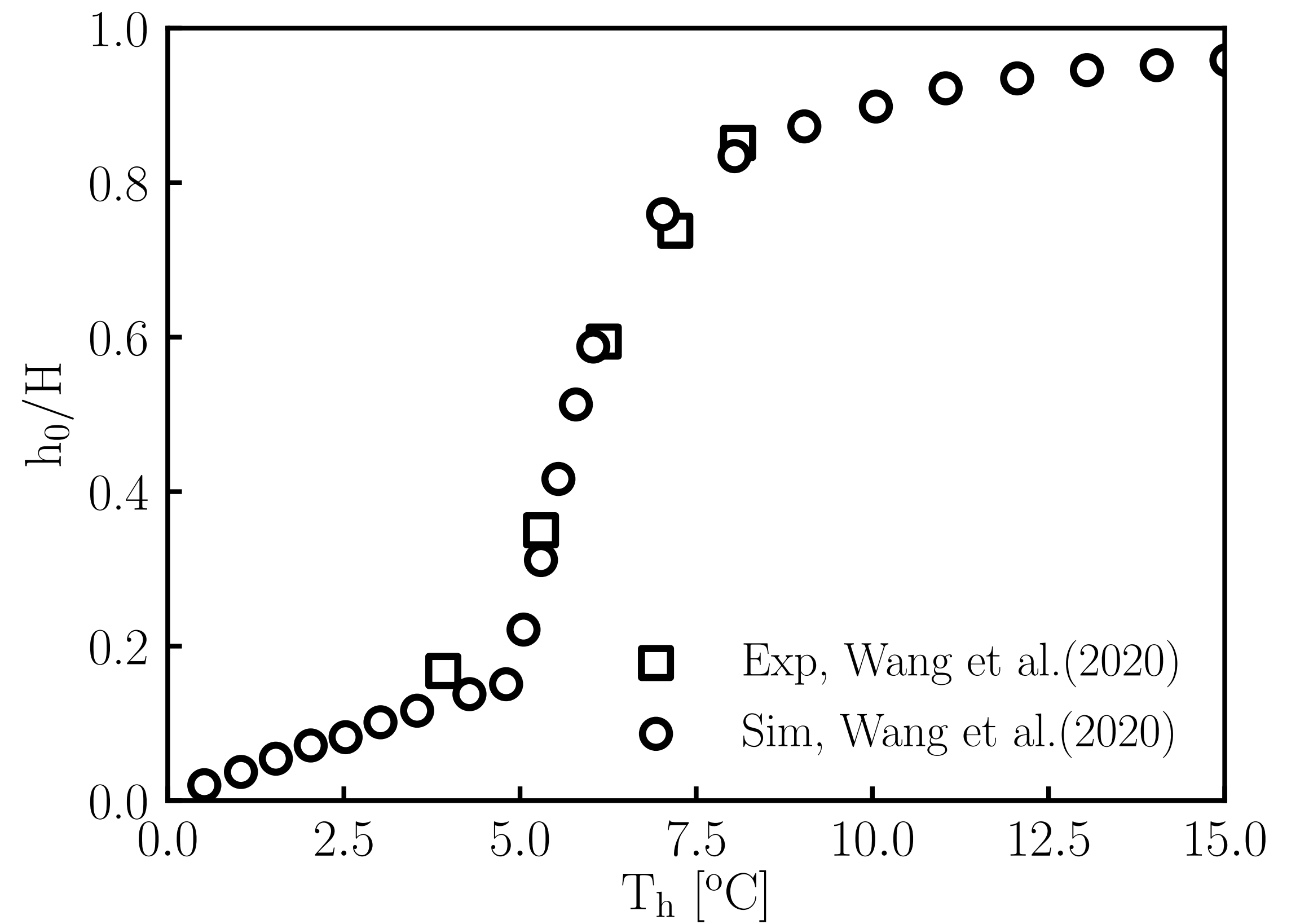
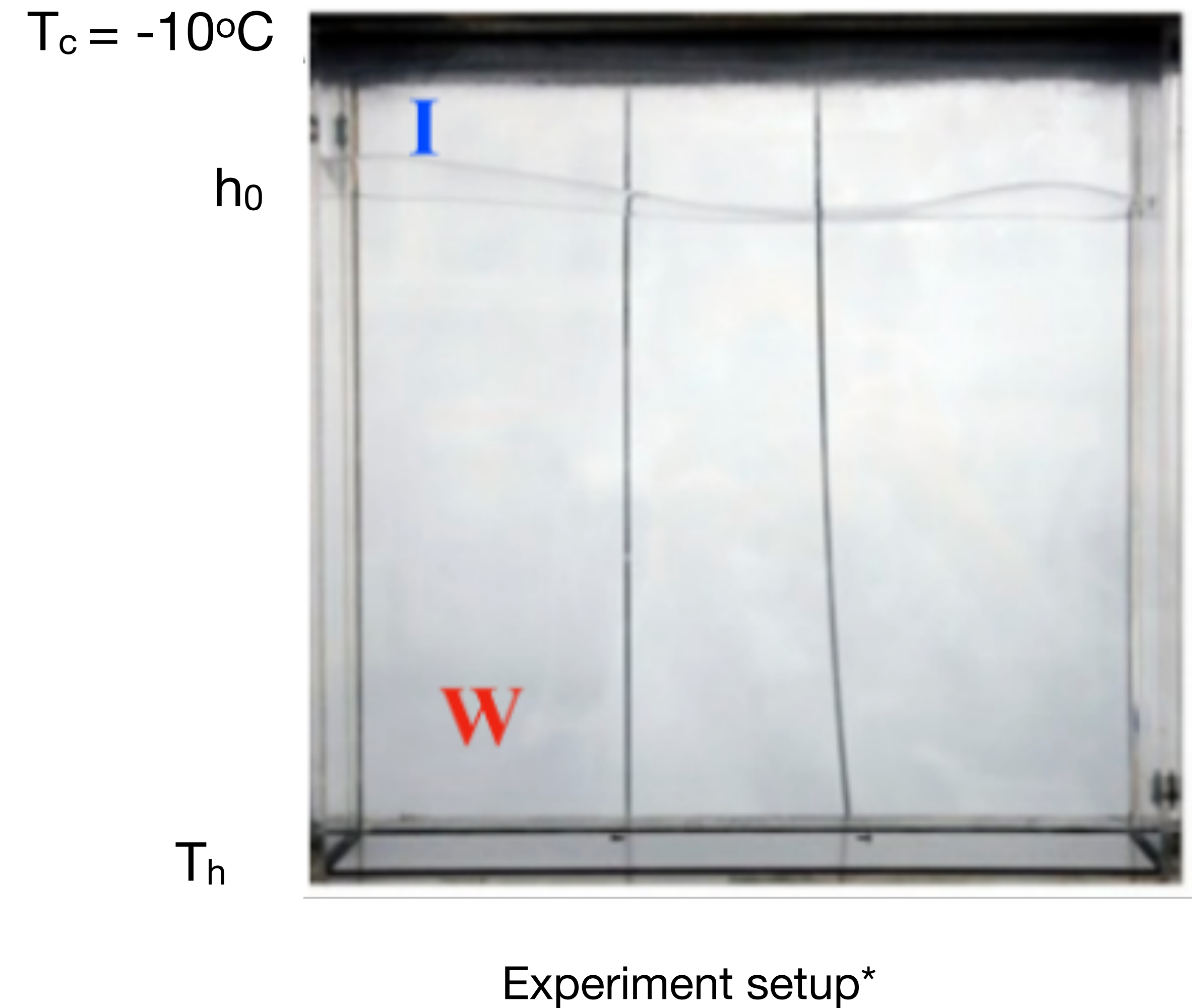


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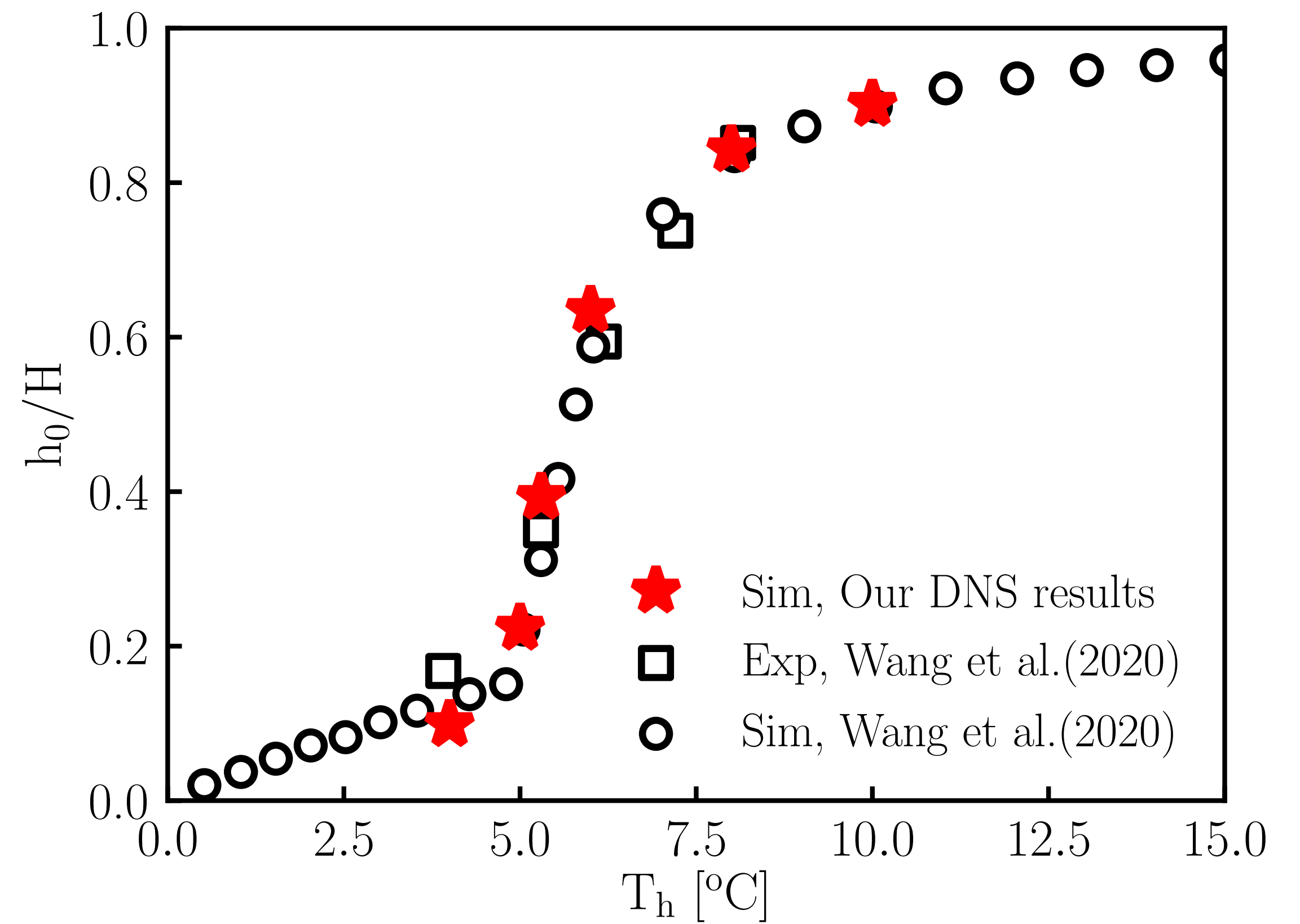
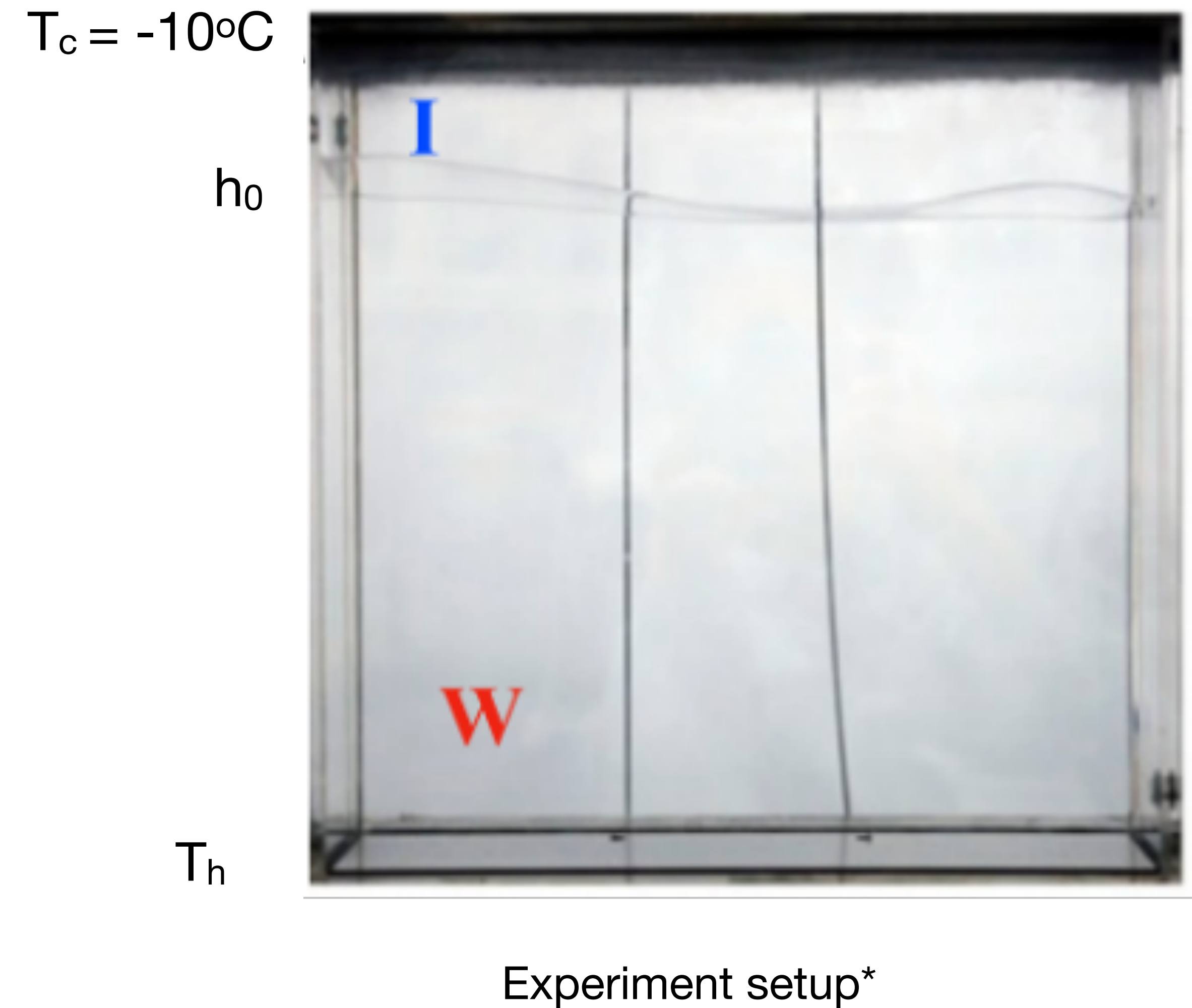
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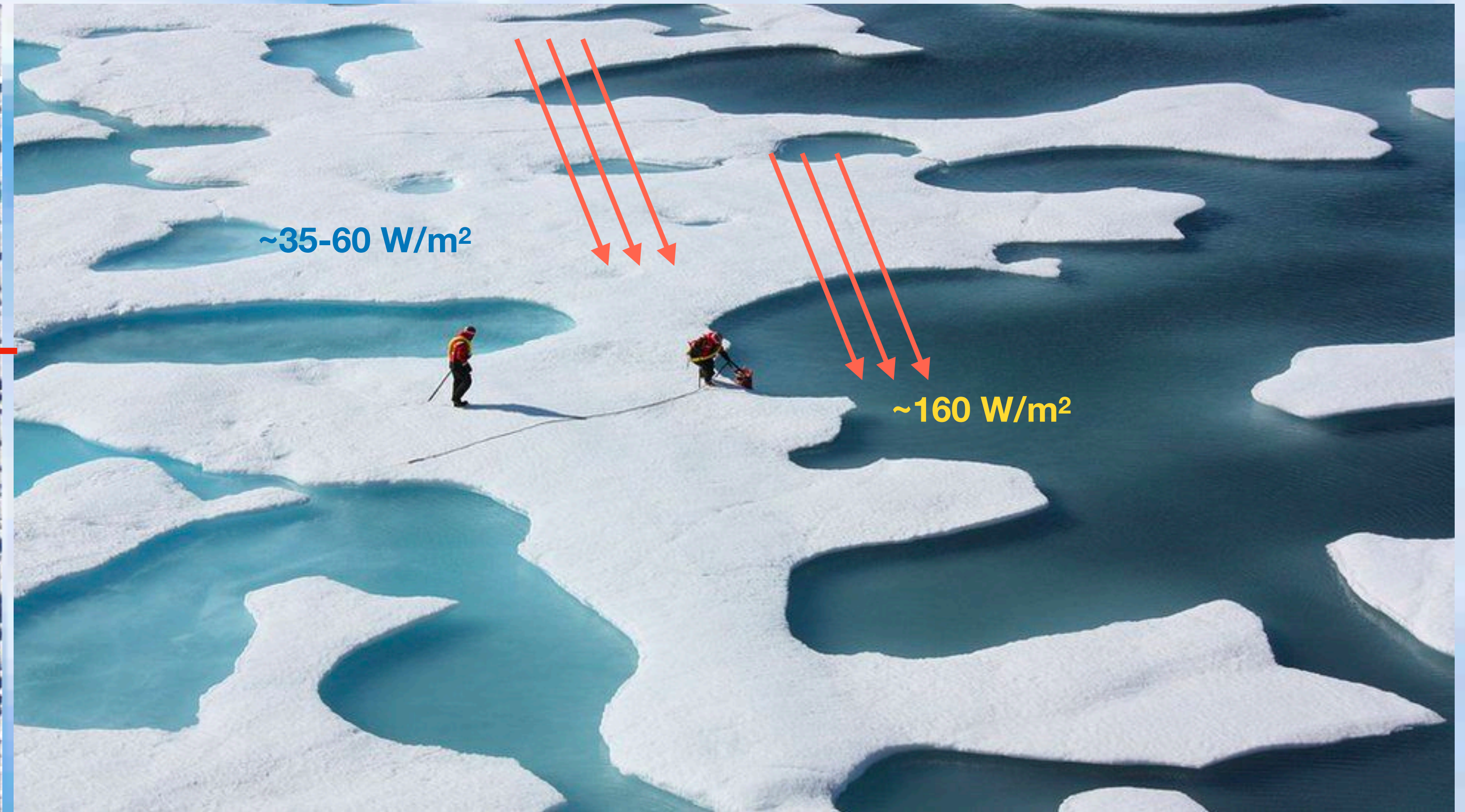
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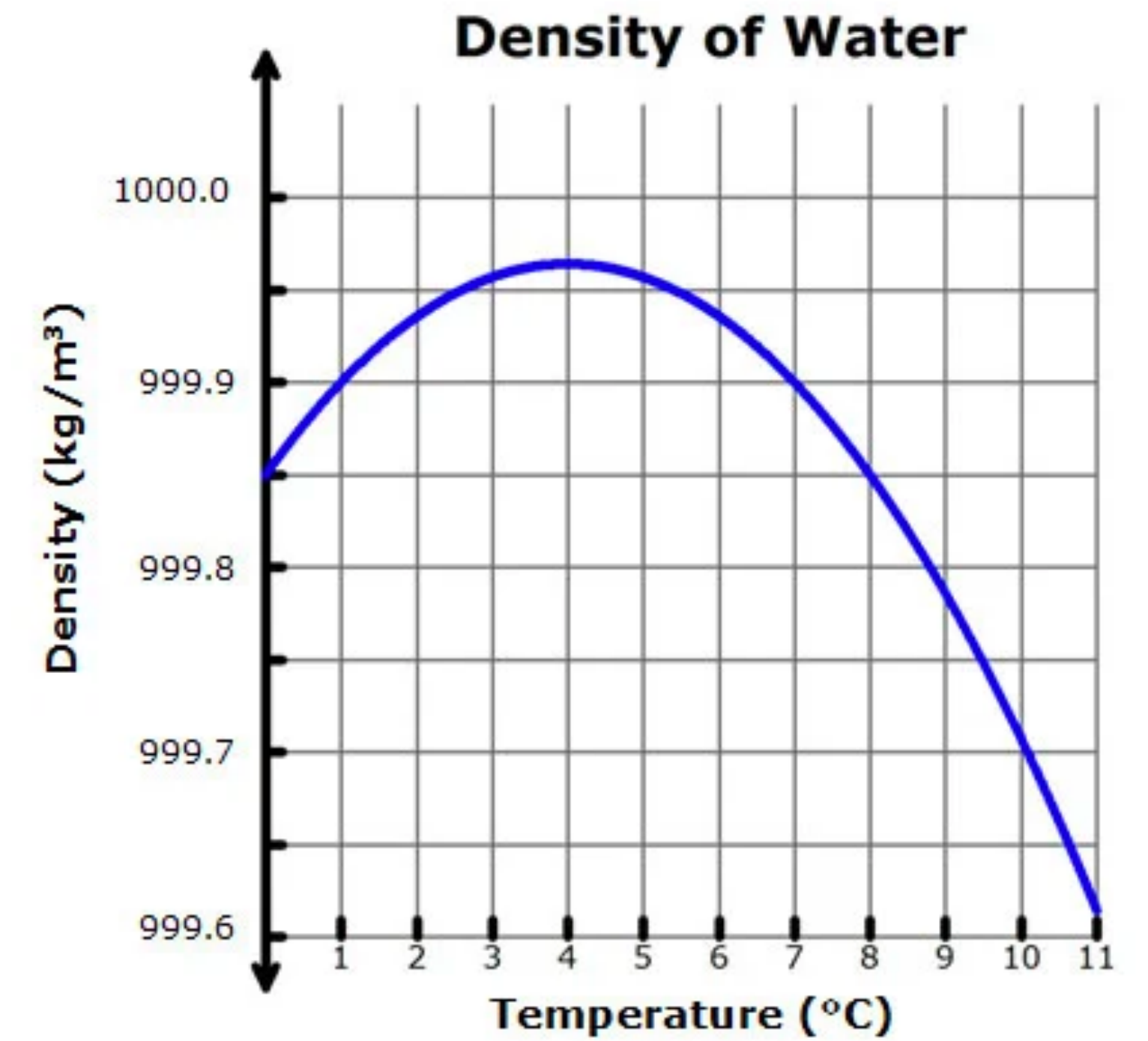
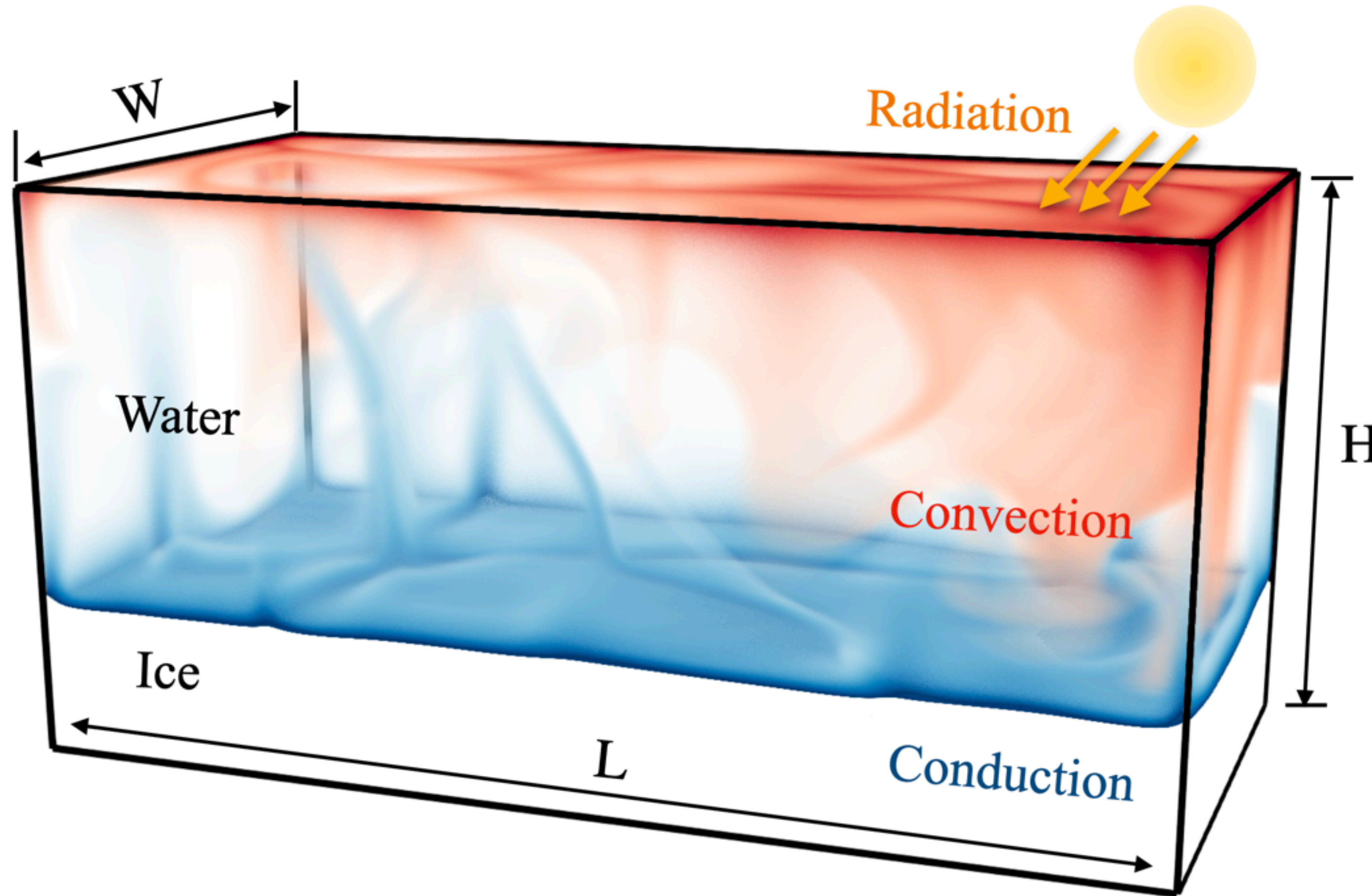
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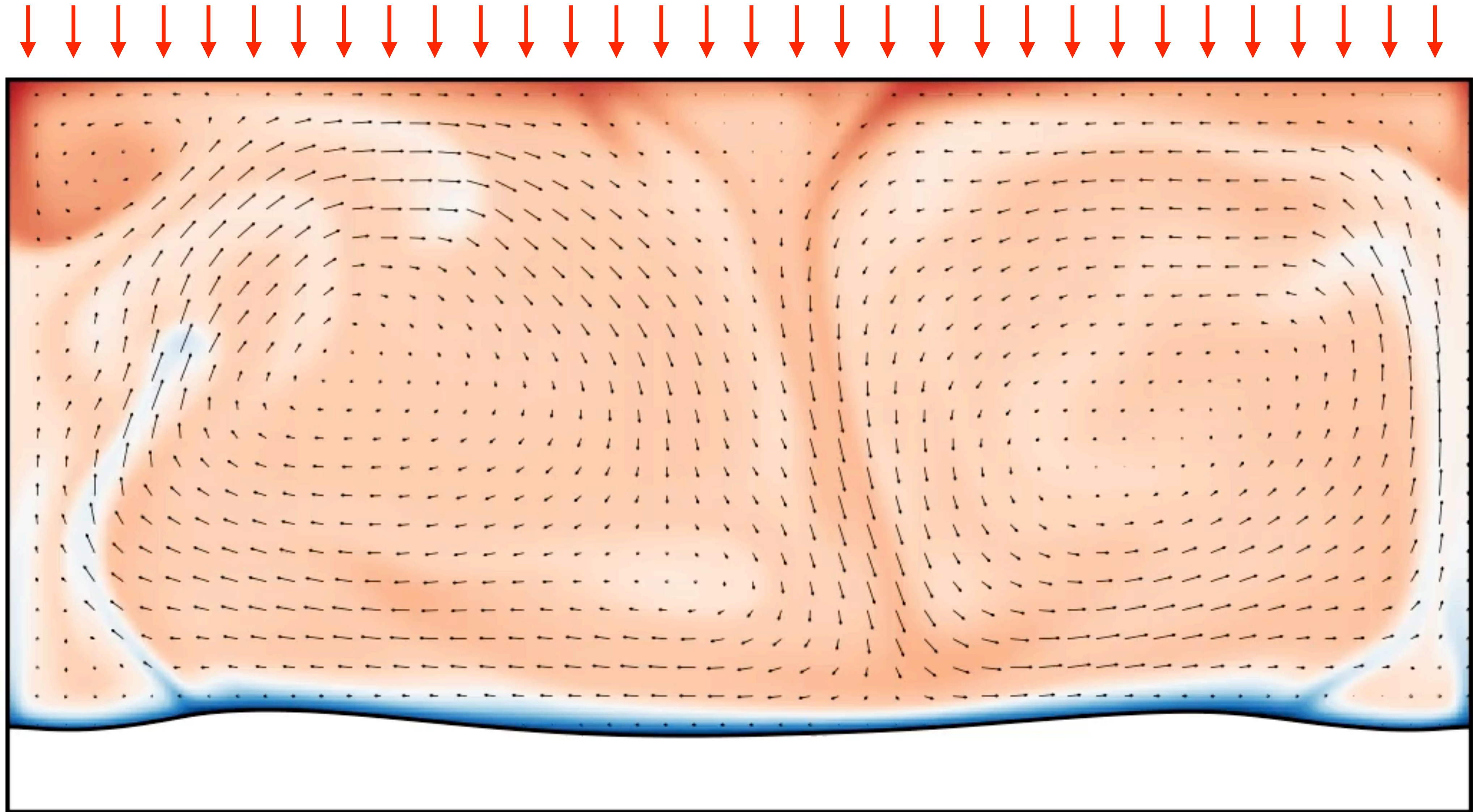


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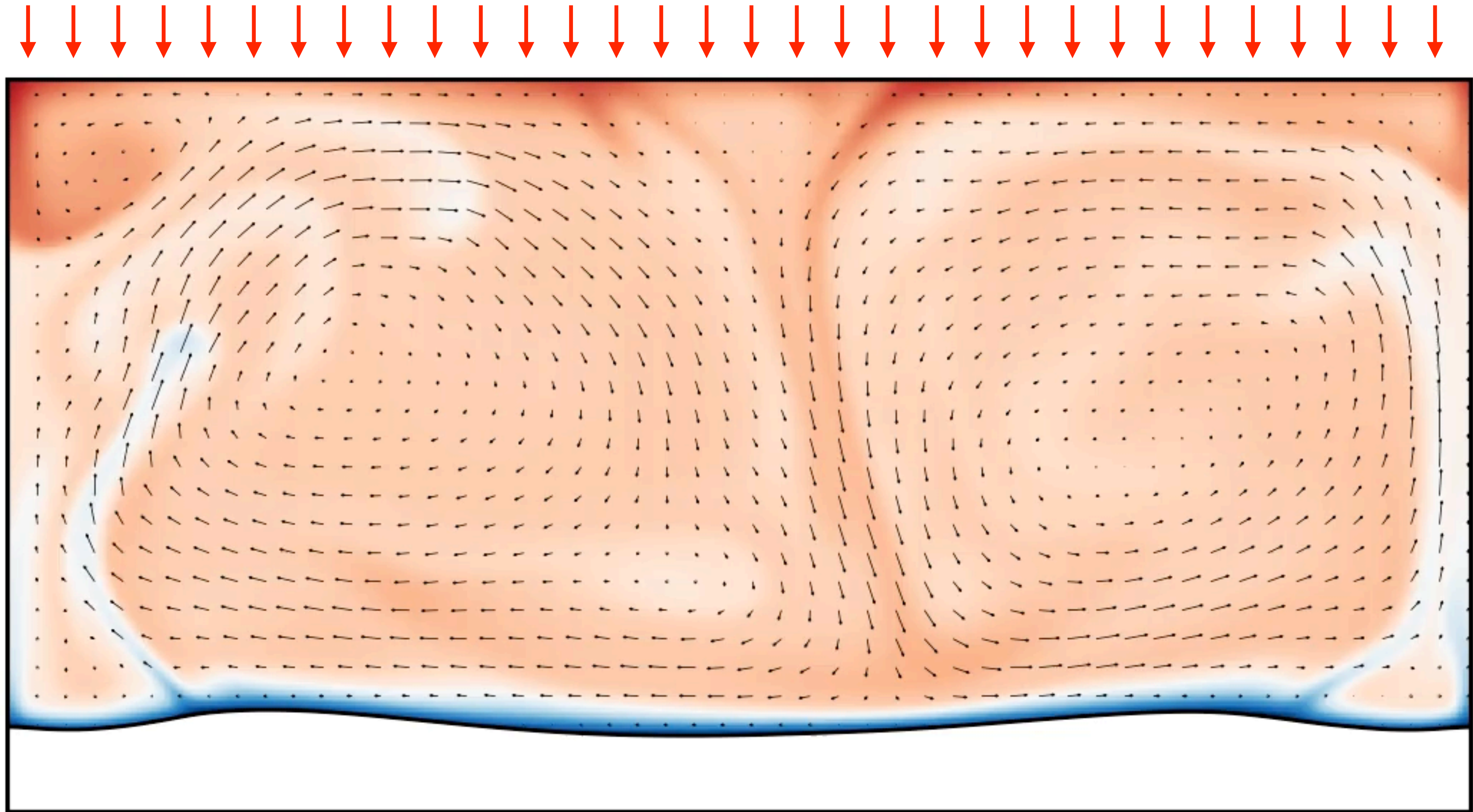


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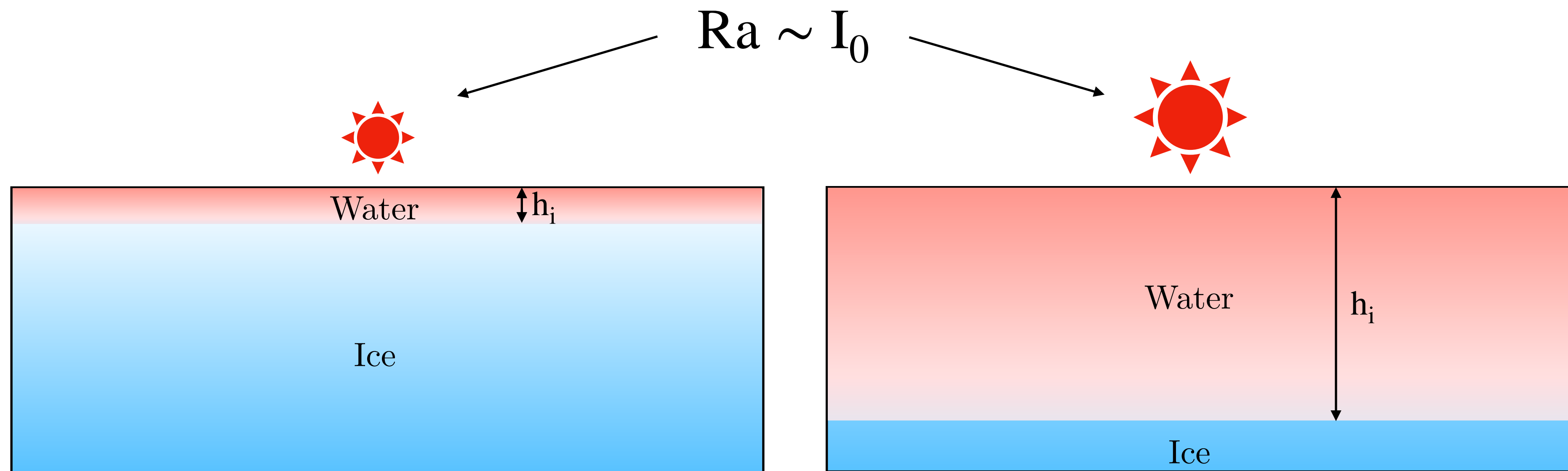
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Key question: Under what conditions do melt ponds form?



Vary: h_i & $Ra \sim I_0$

Modeling of solar radiation profile according to Lambert-Beer

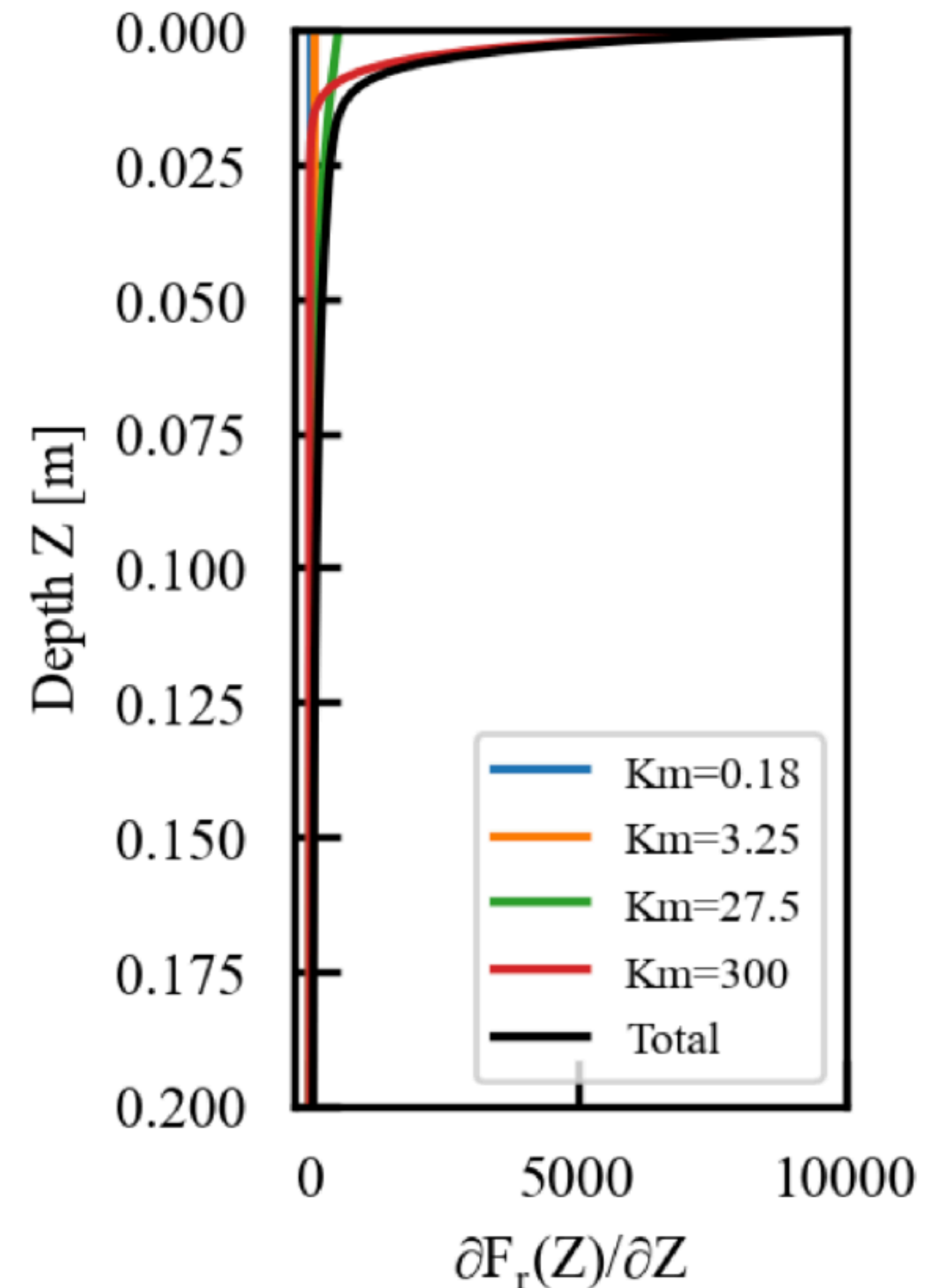
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Skyllingstad, 2007



Governing equations: Boussinesq + phase field method

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + T\delta_{iz} + \sqrt{\frac{Pr}{Ra}} \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_j^2} - \frac{\phi u_i}{\eta}$$

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Heat source term

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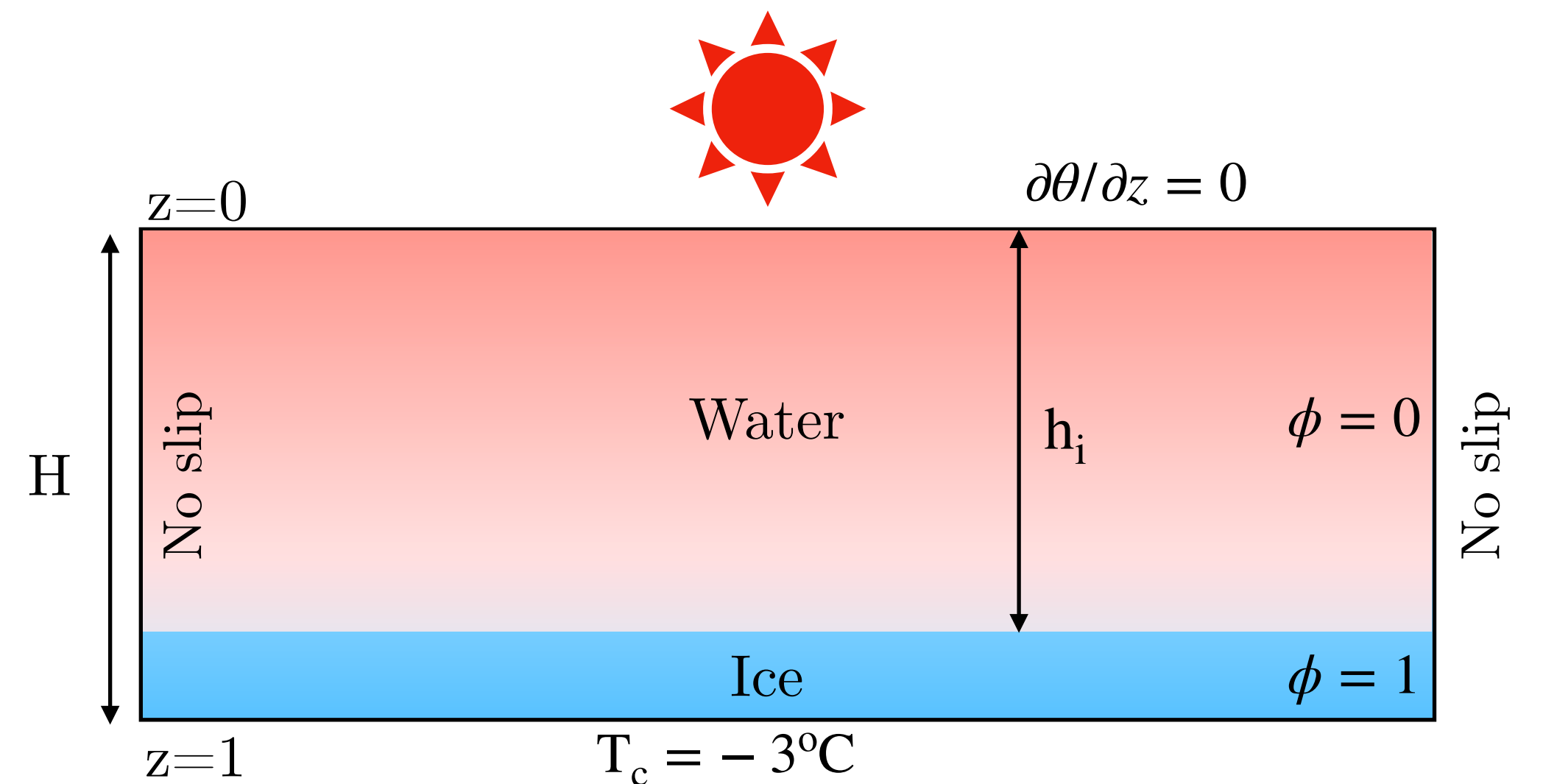
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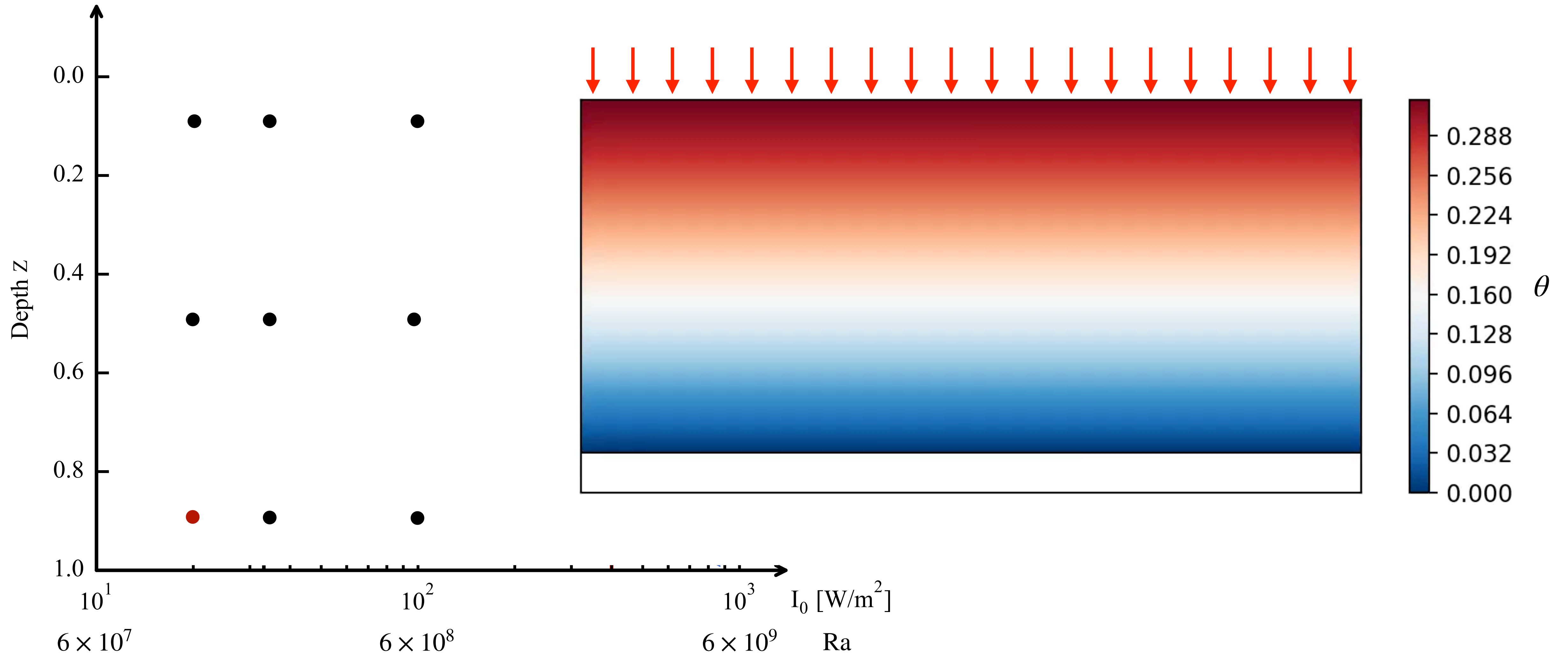
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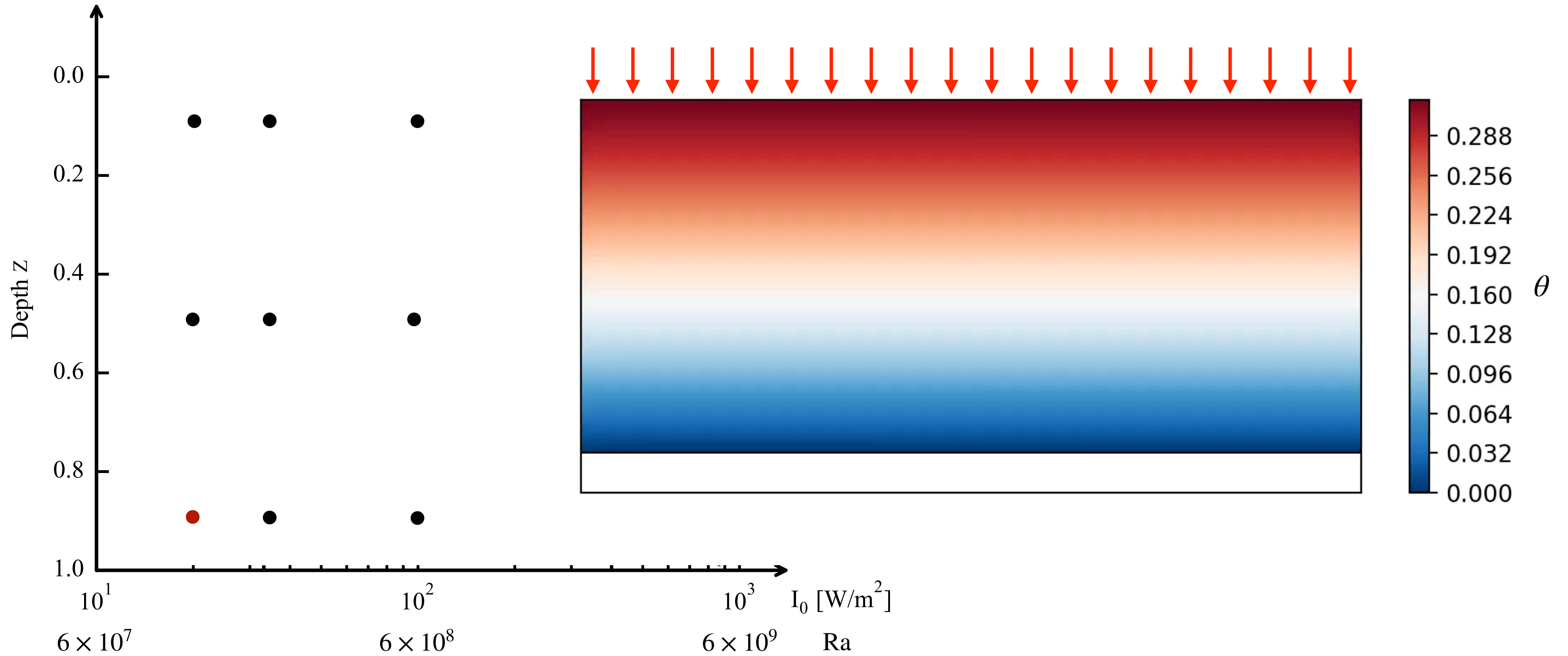
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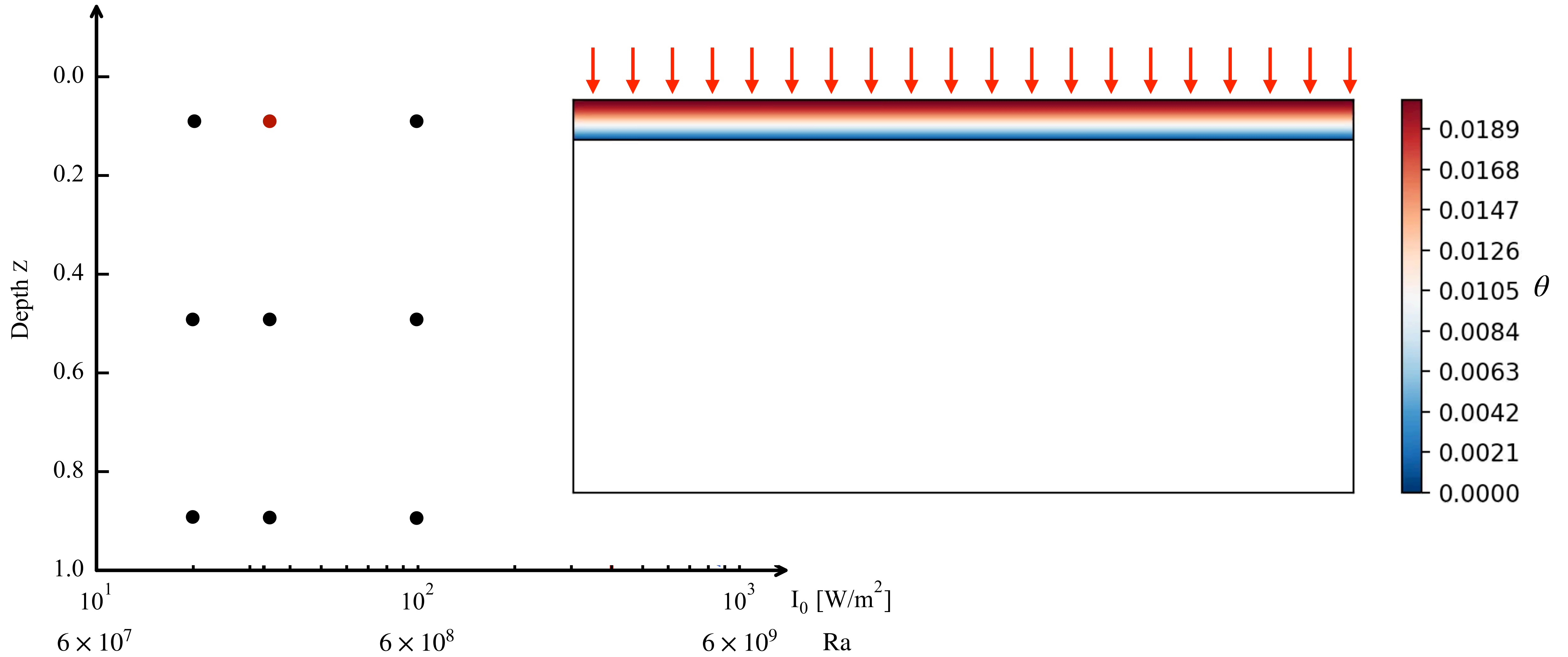
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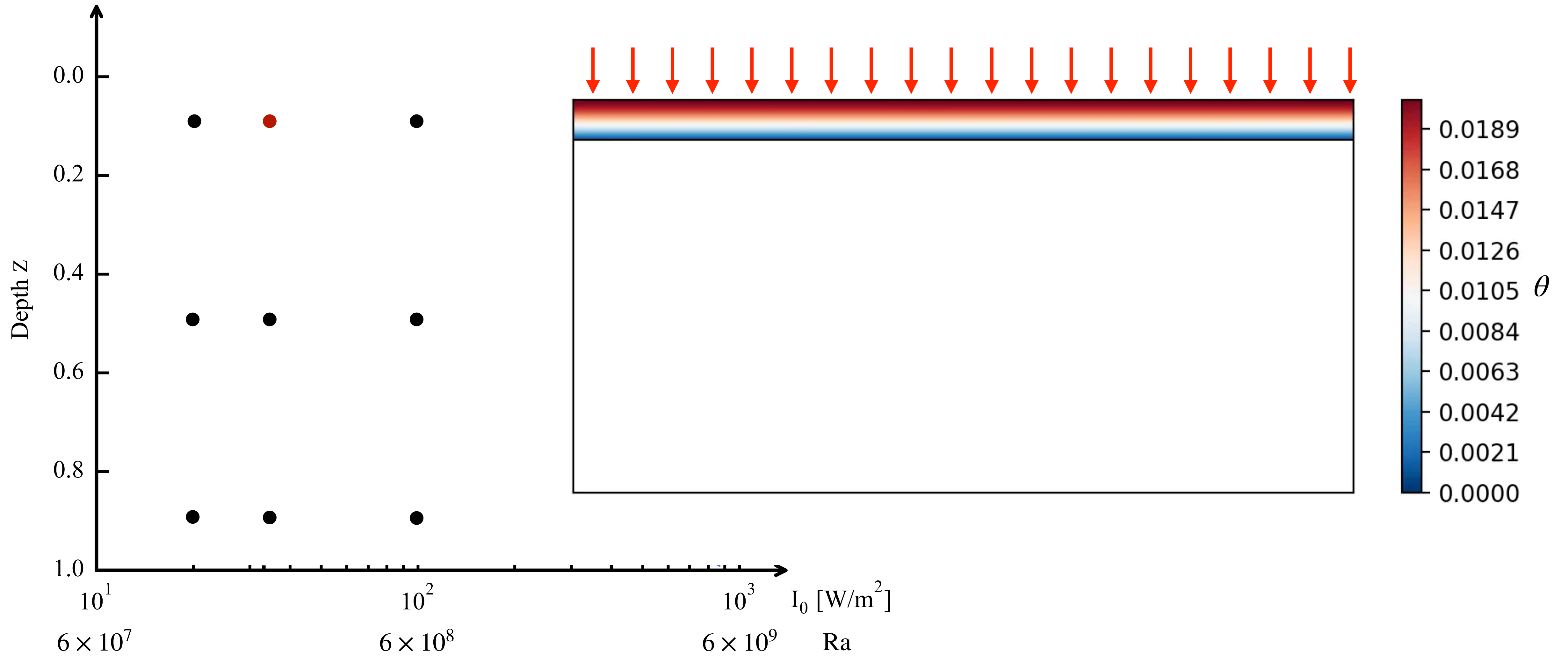
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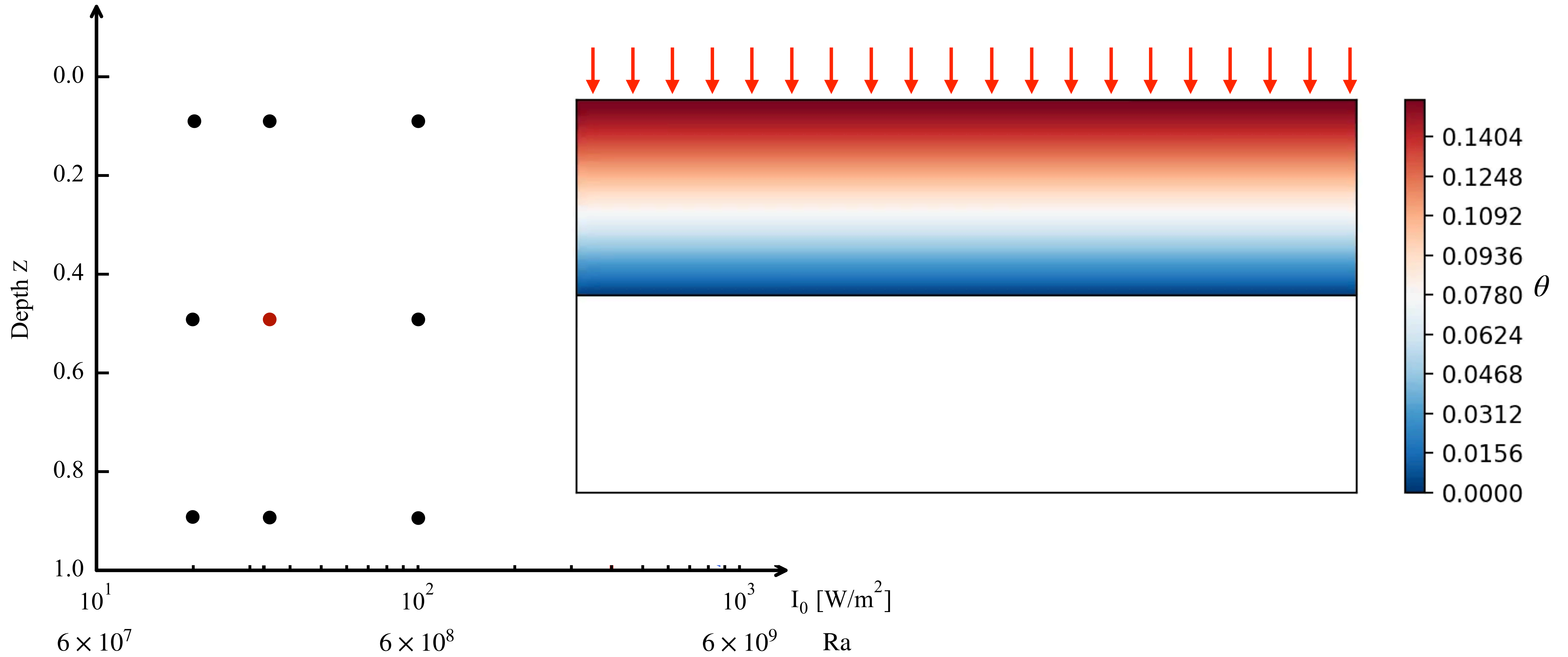
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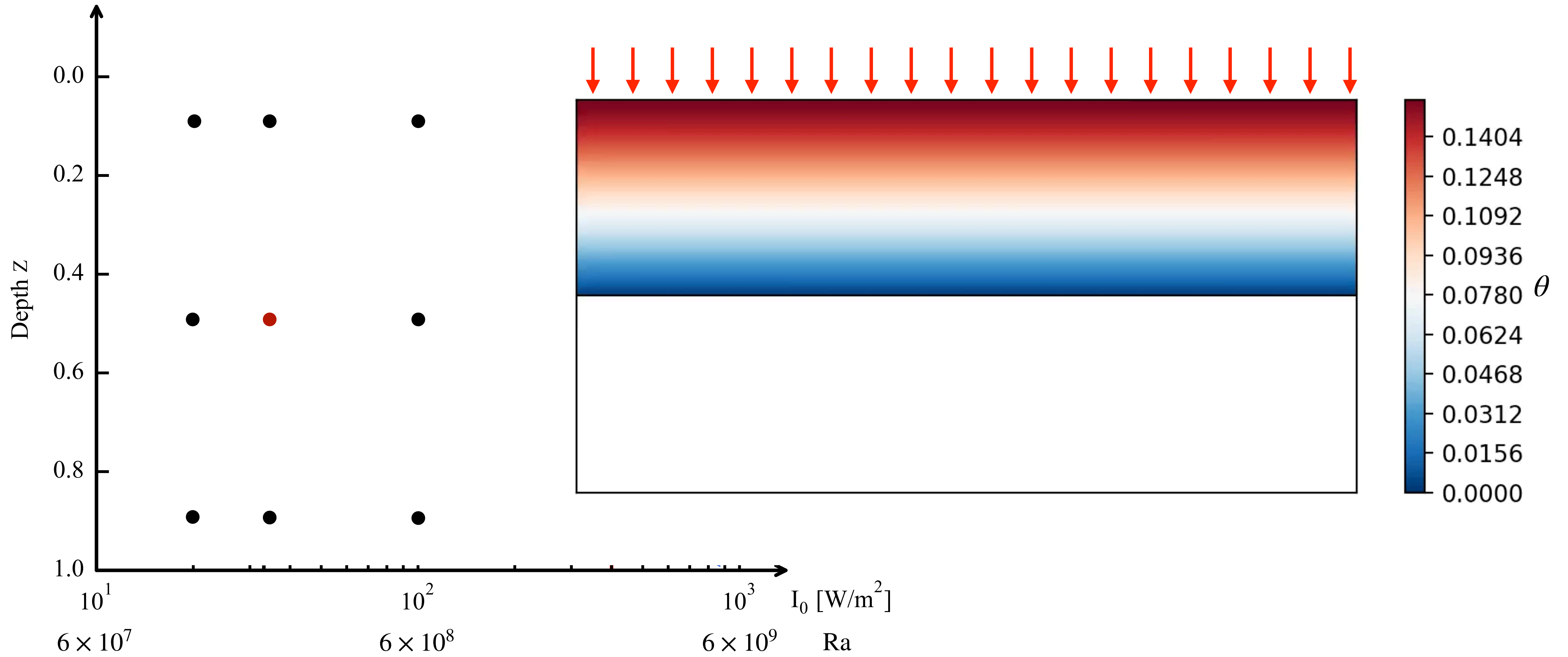
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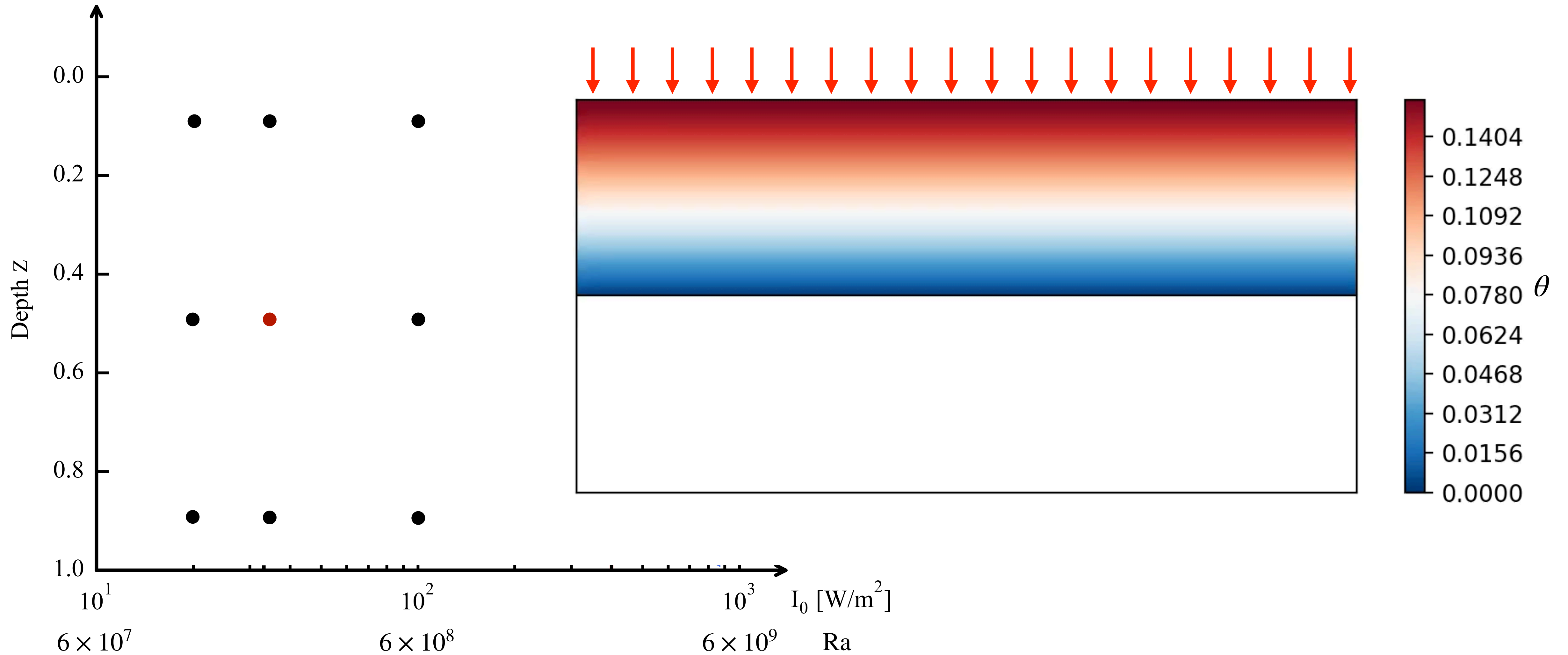


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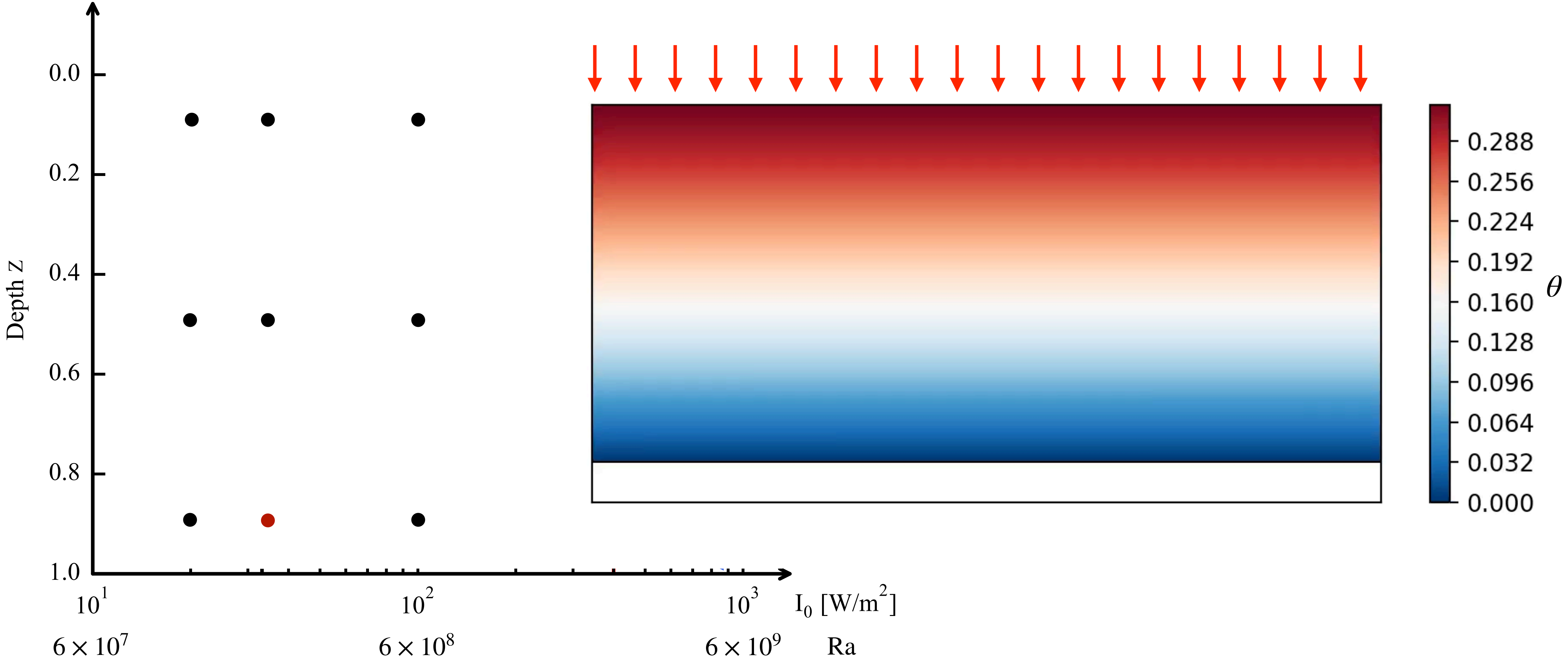


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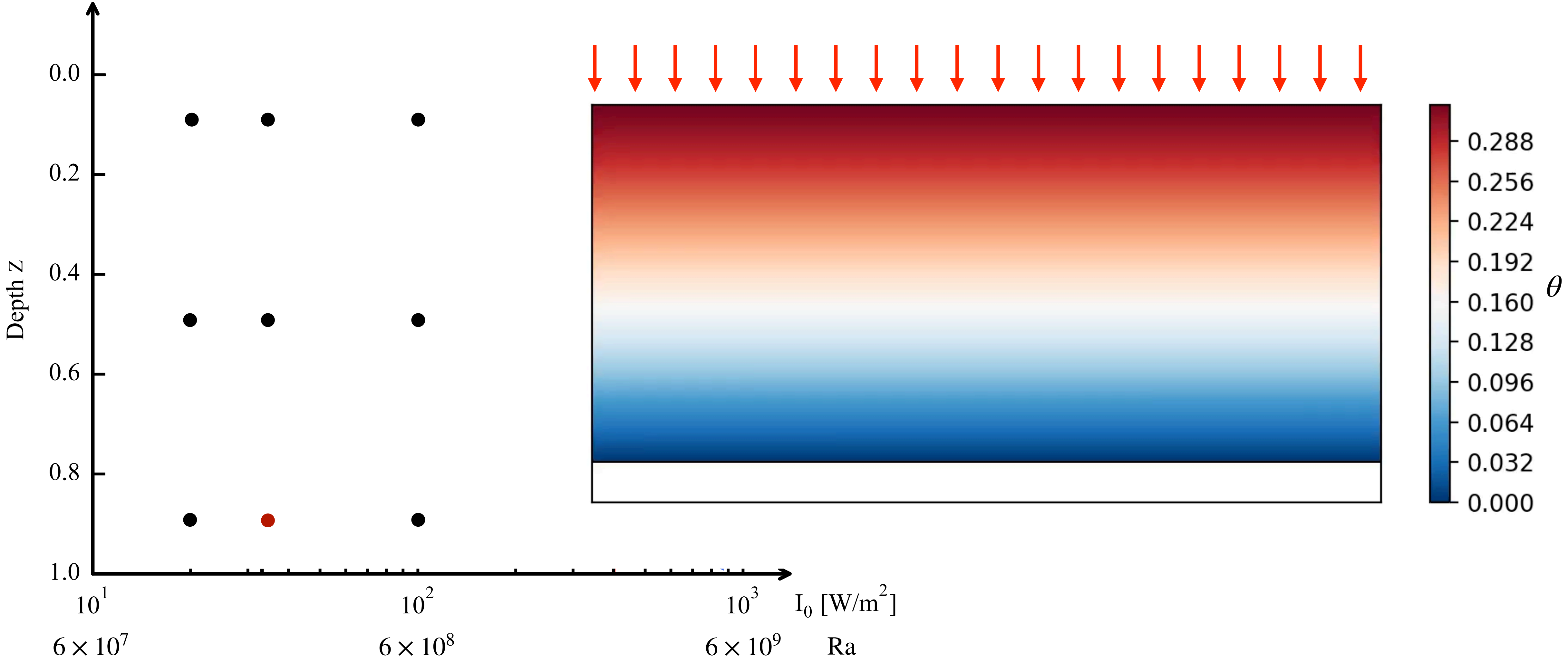
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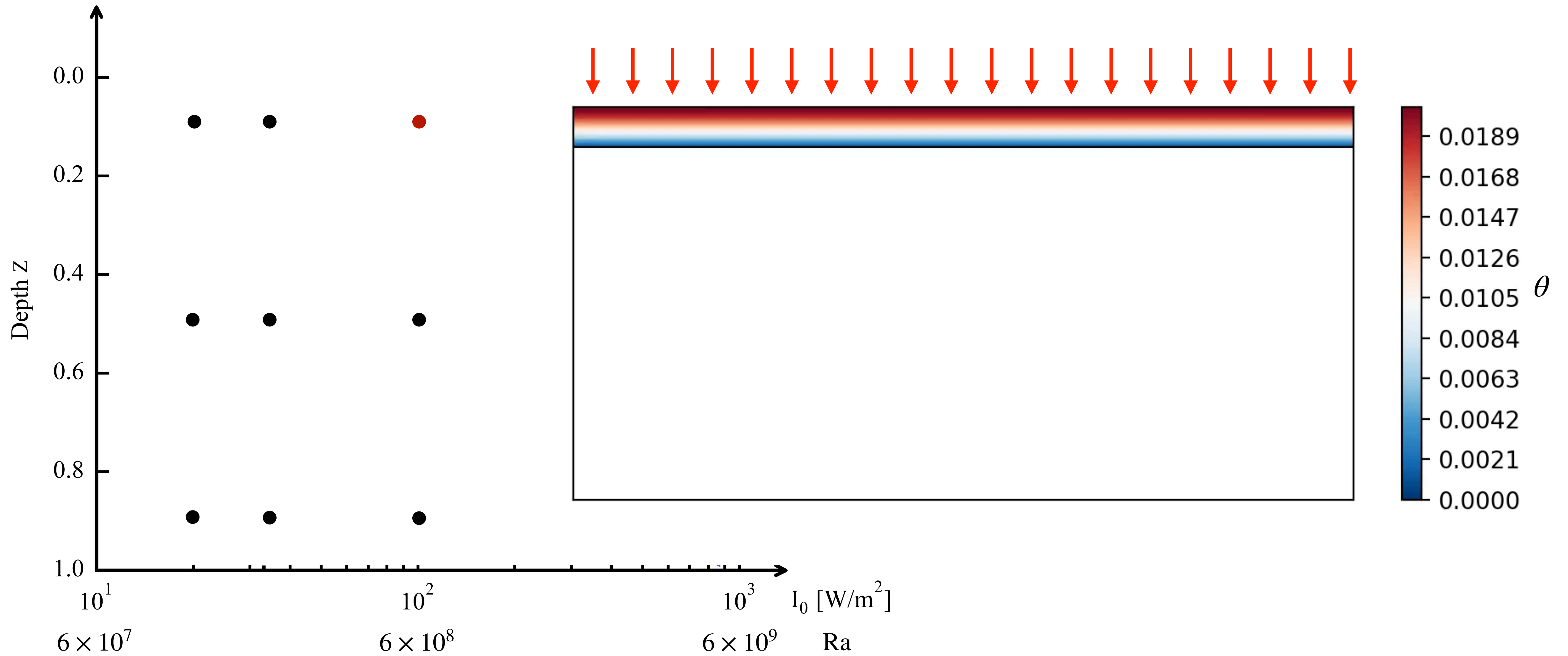
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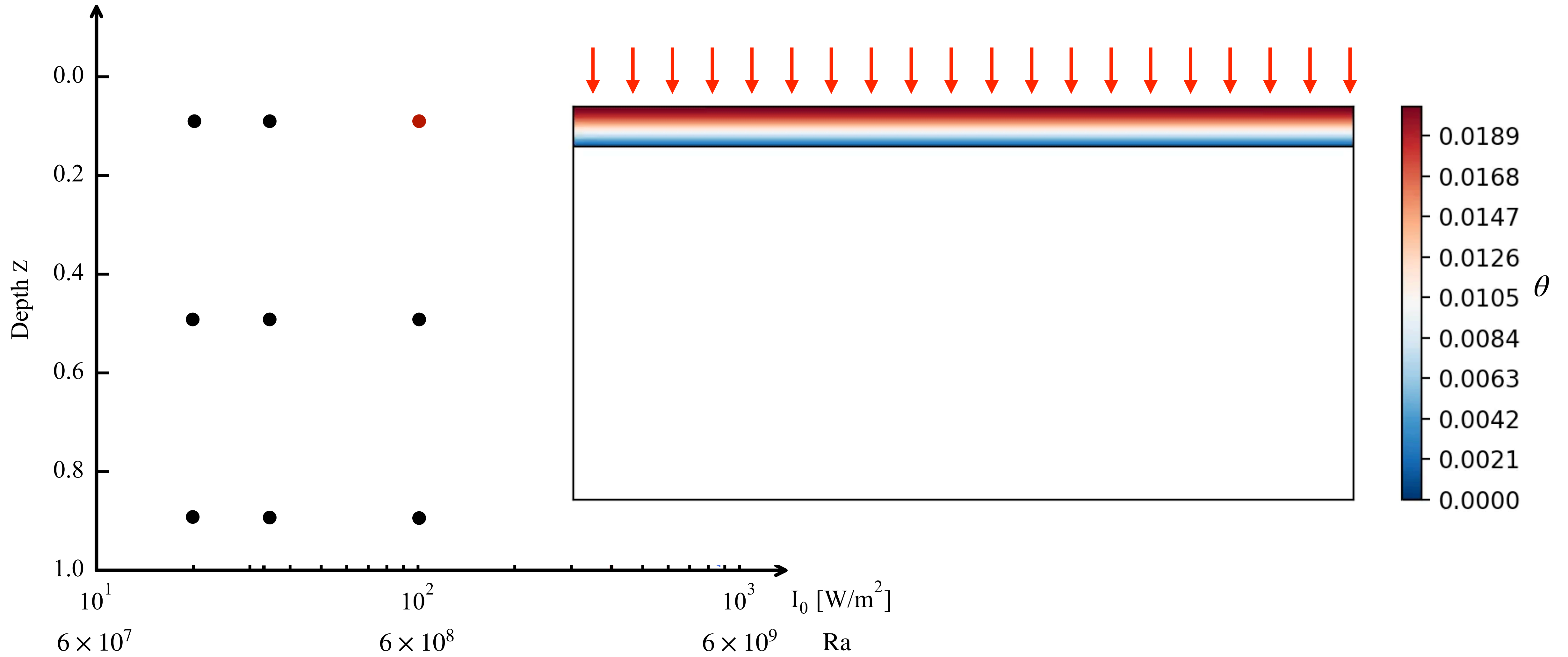
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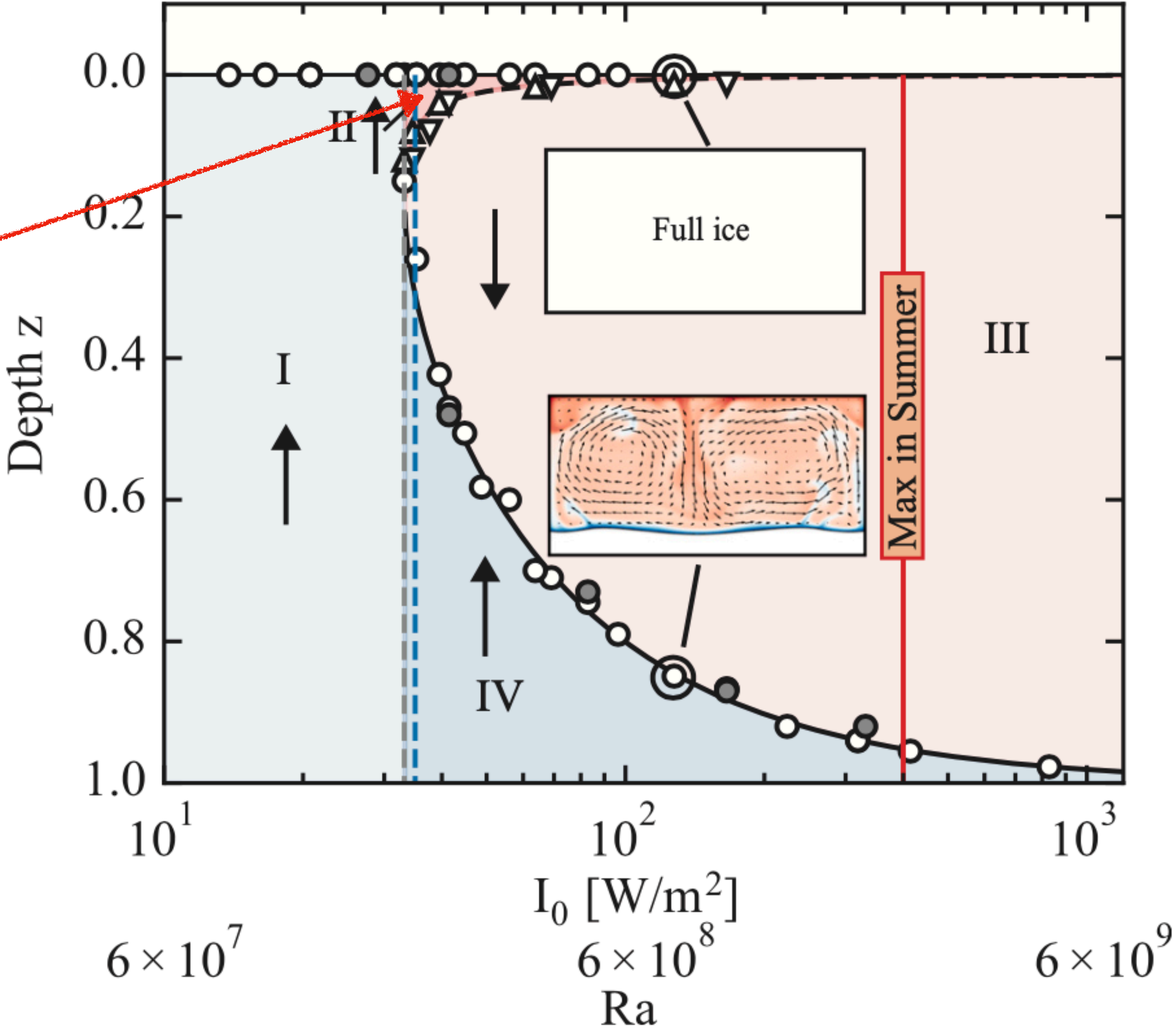


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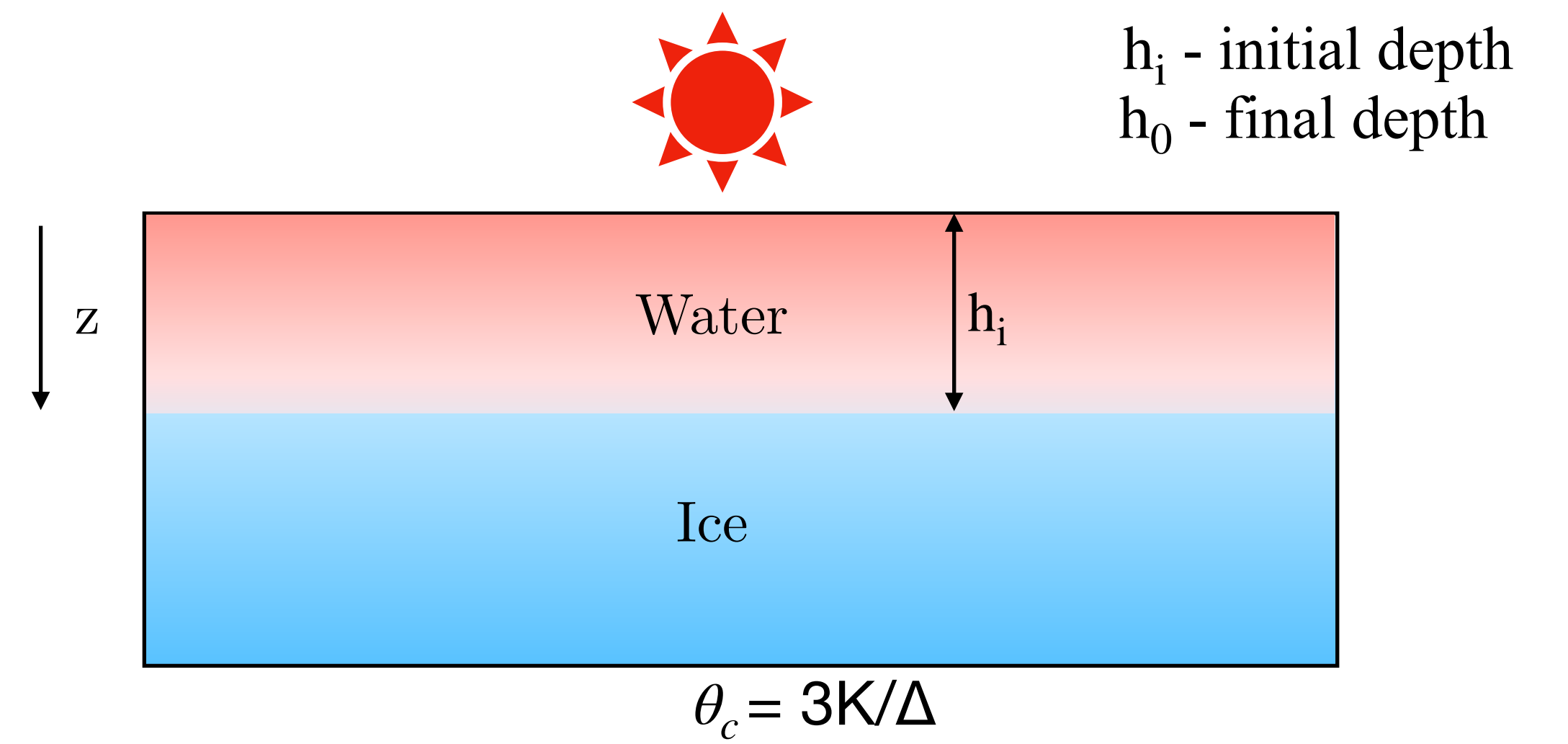
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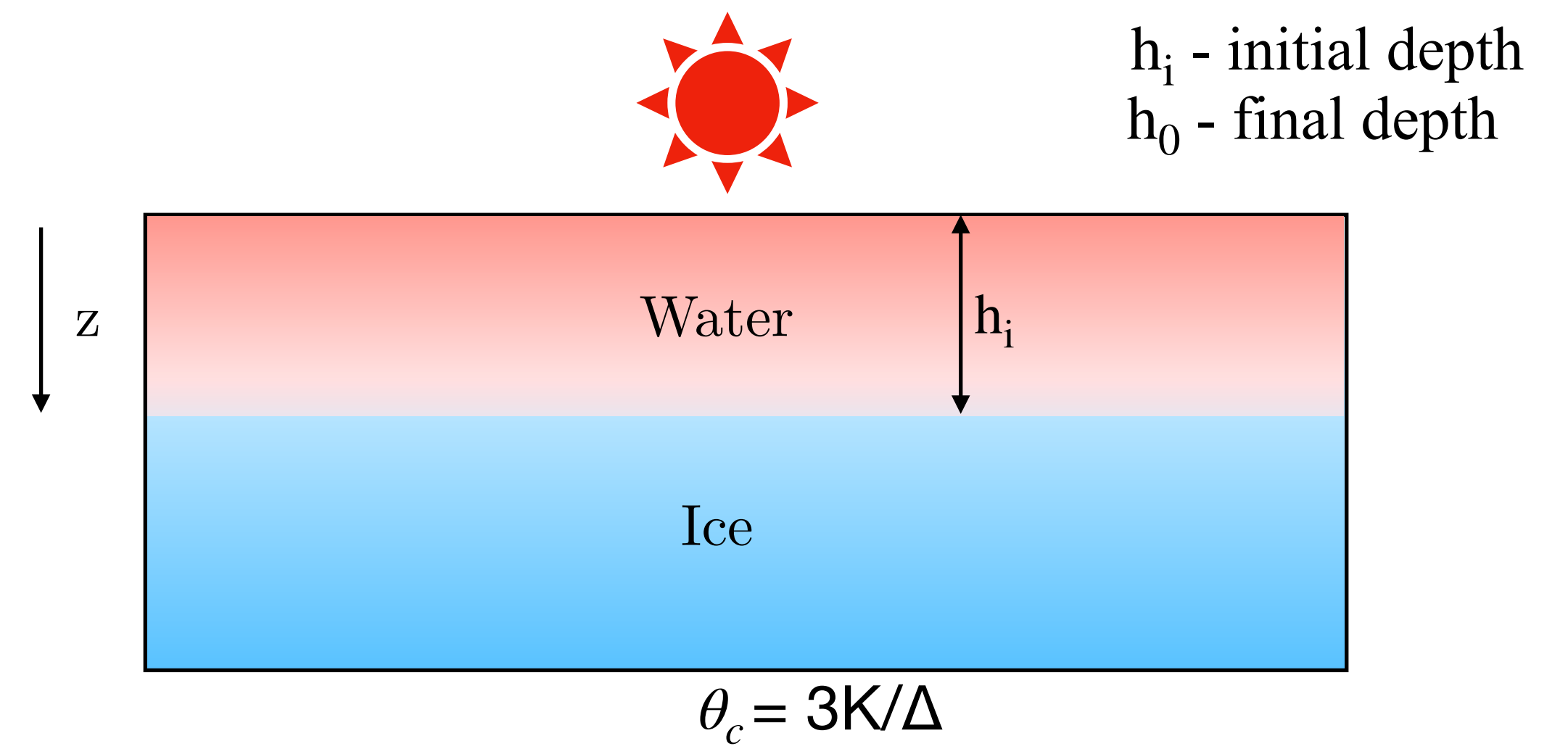


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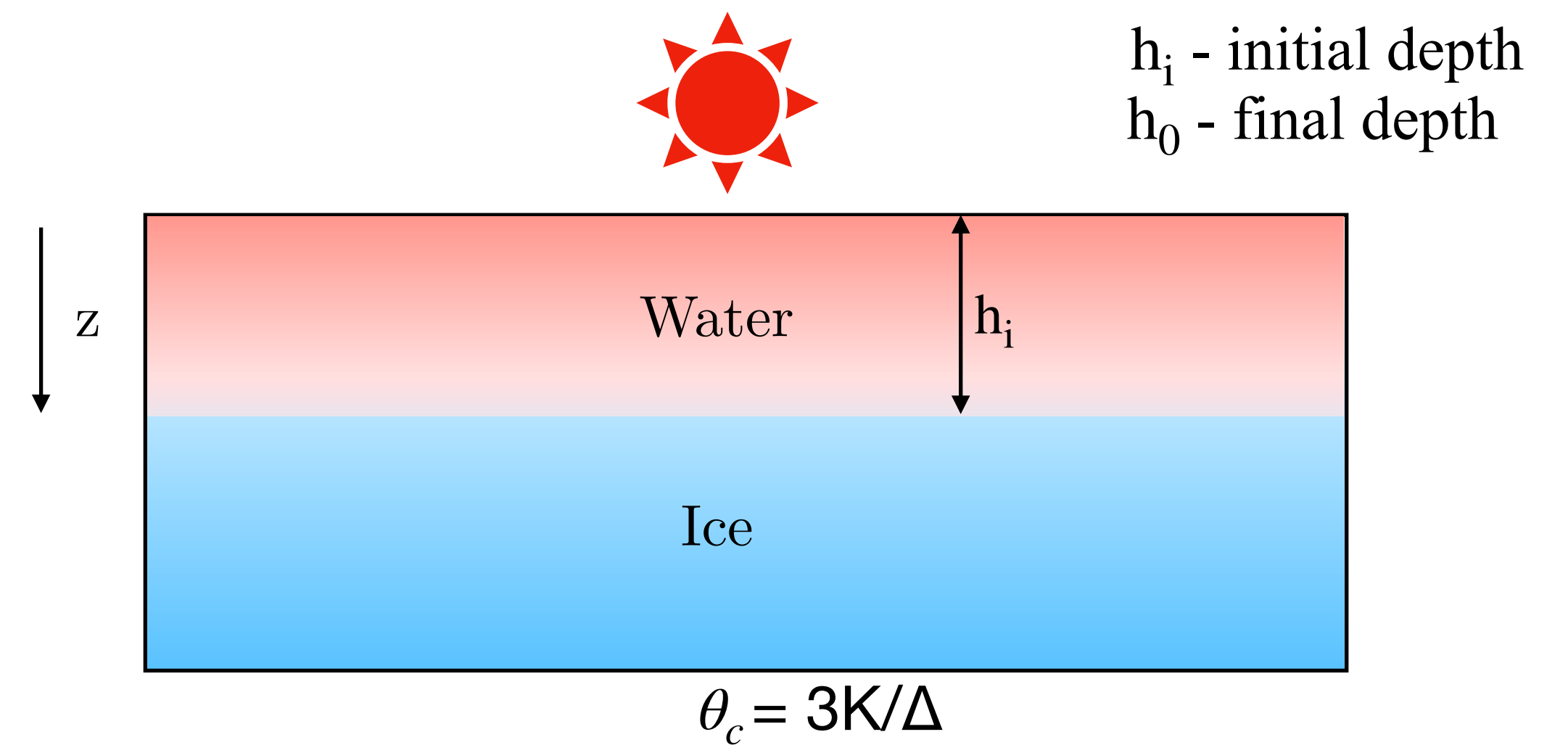
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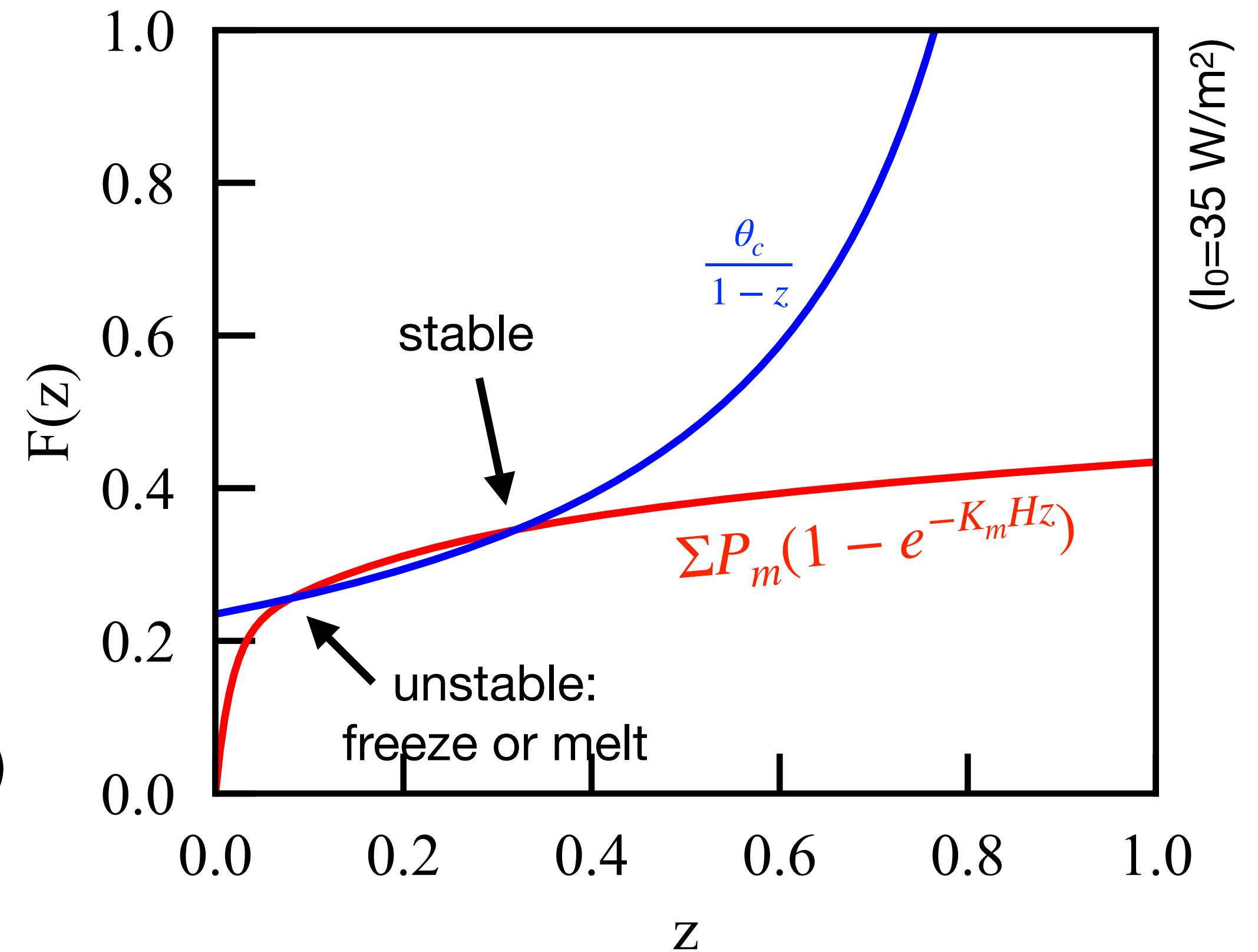
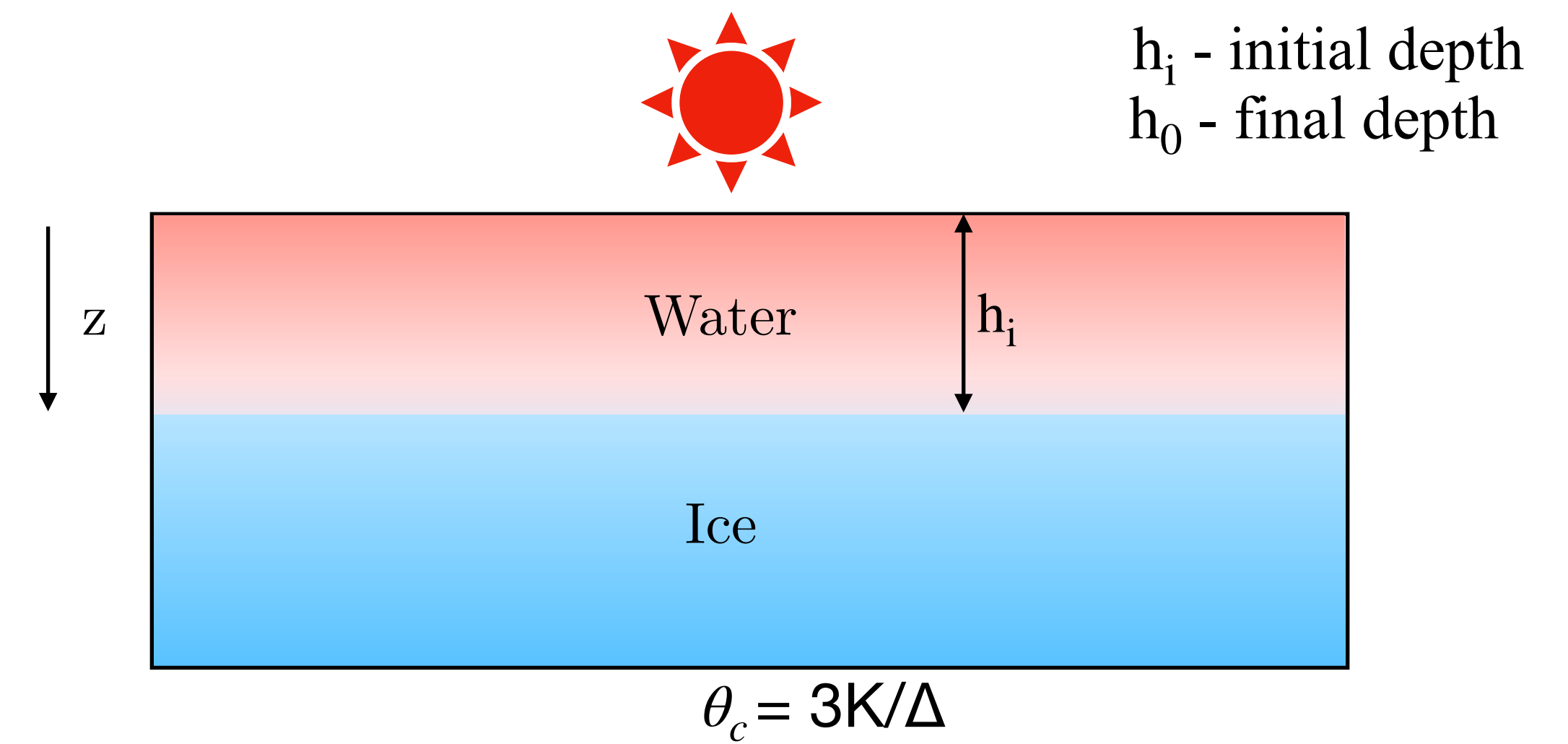
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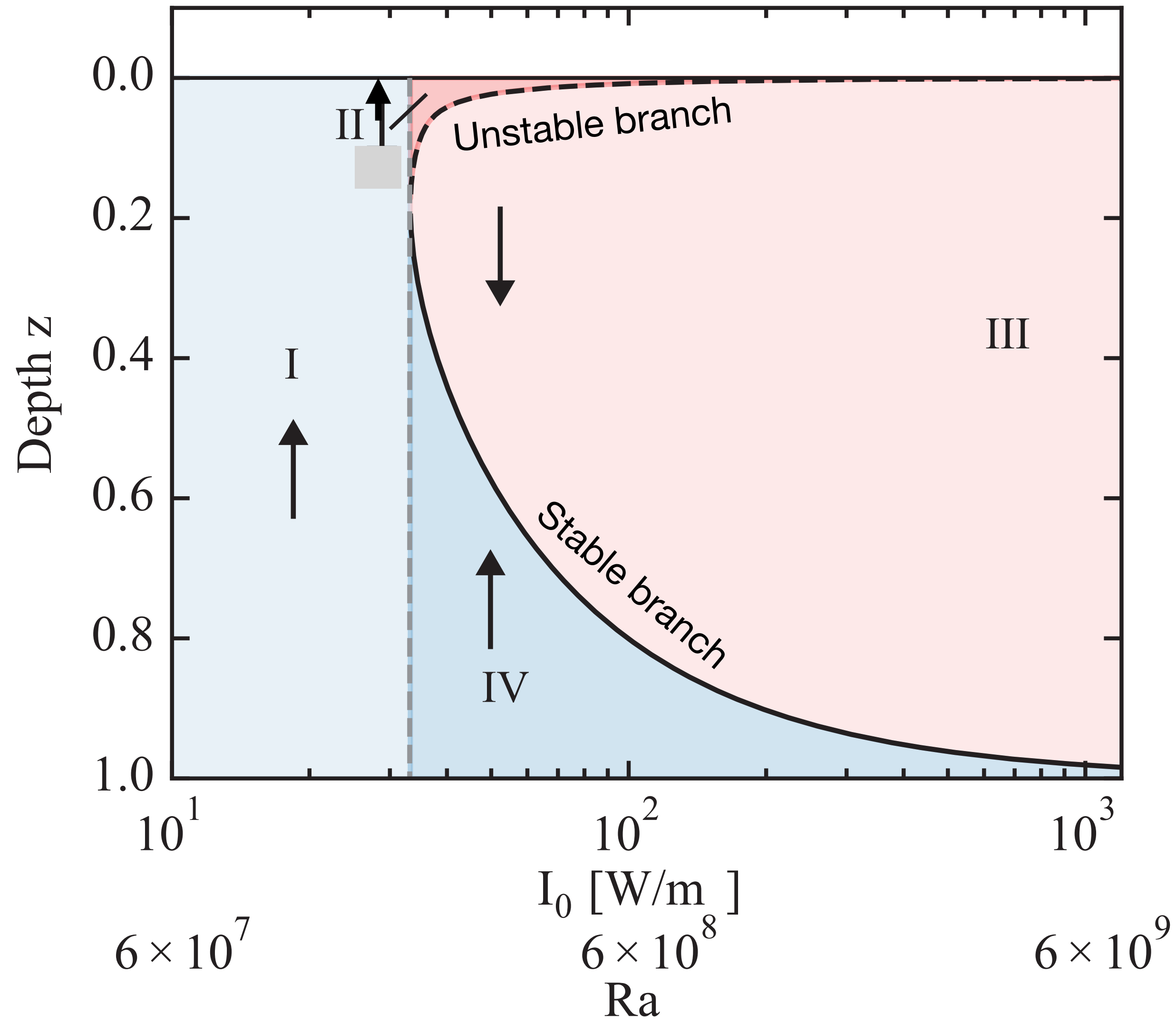
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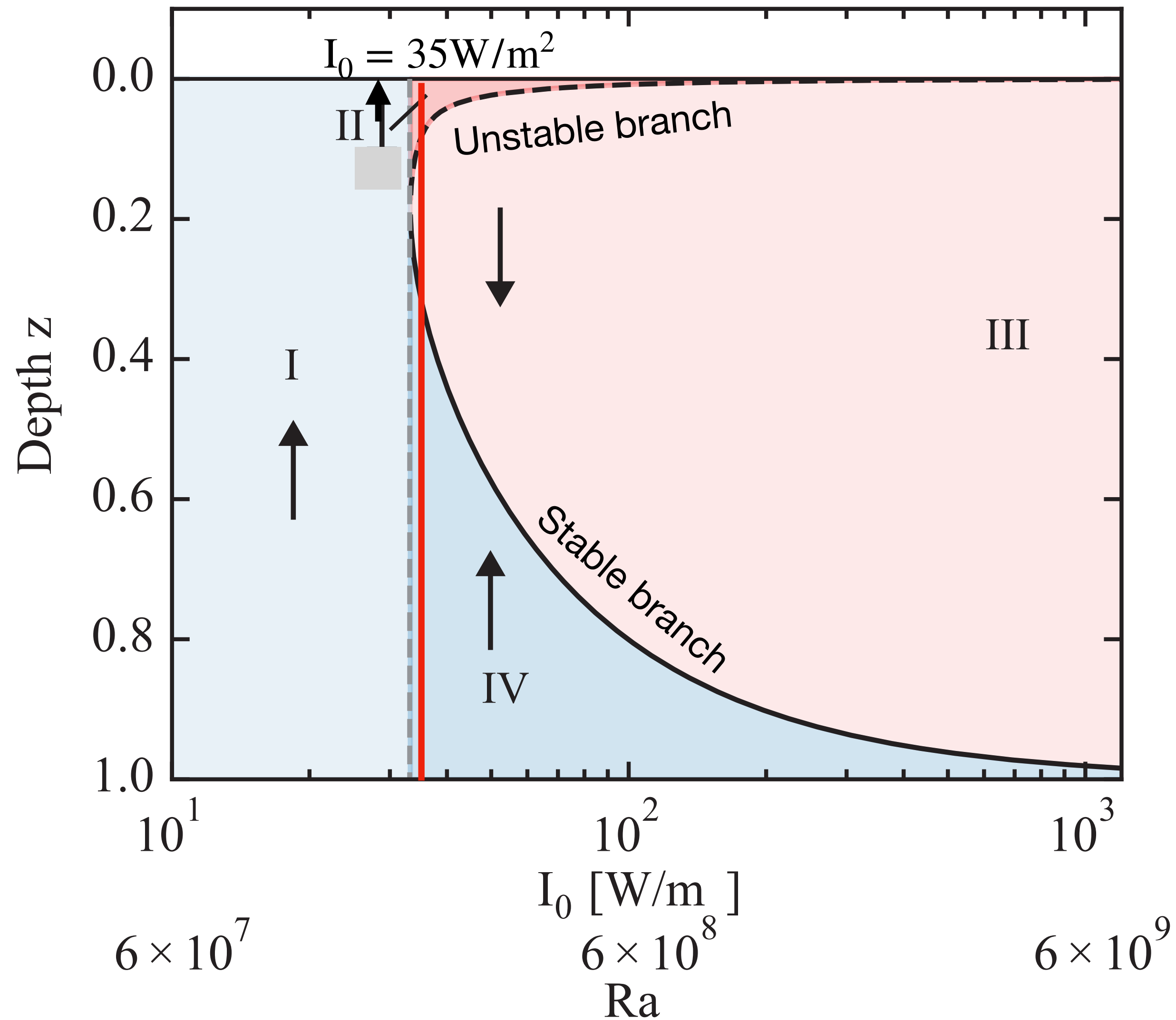
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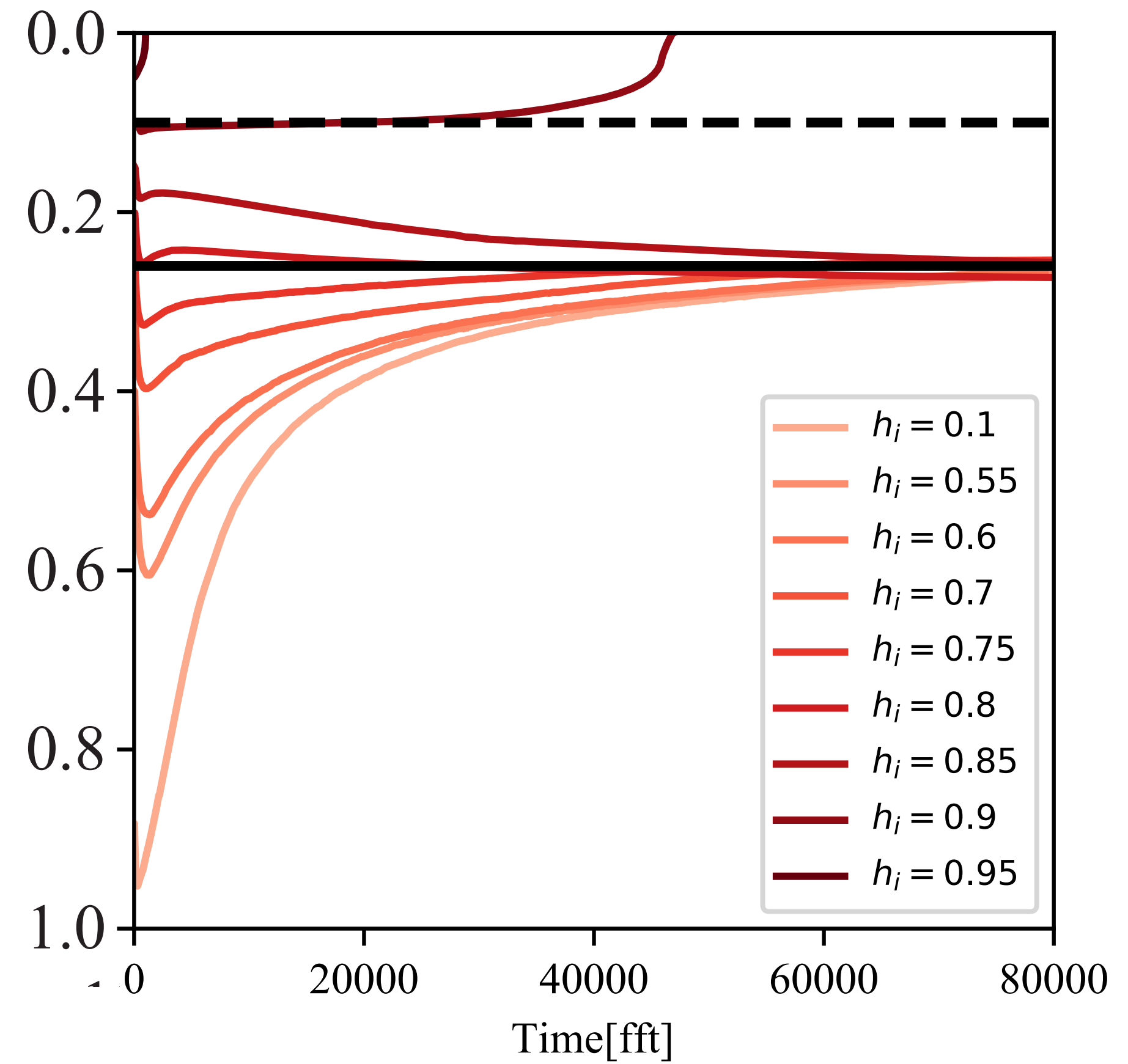
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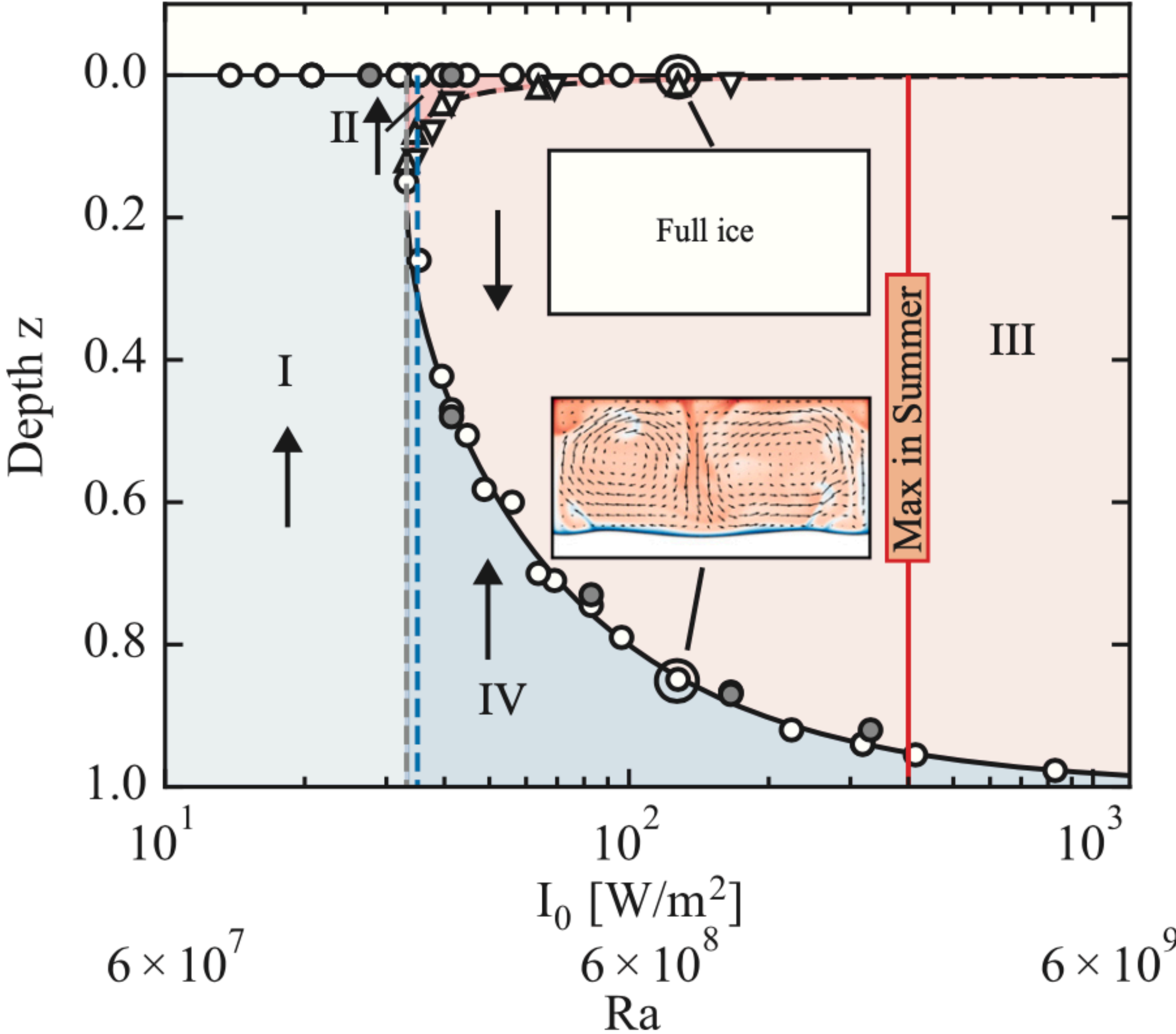


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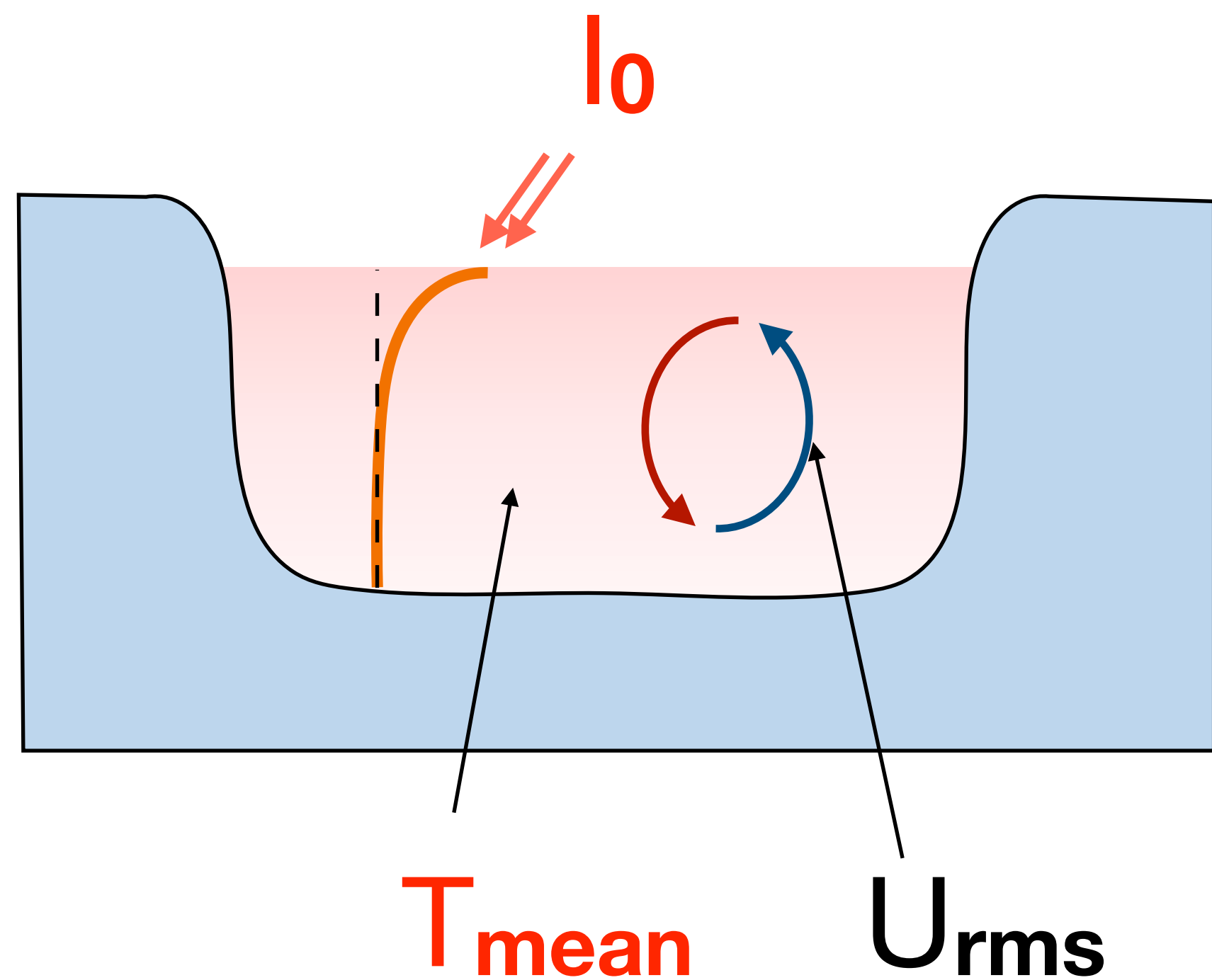


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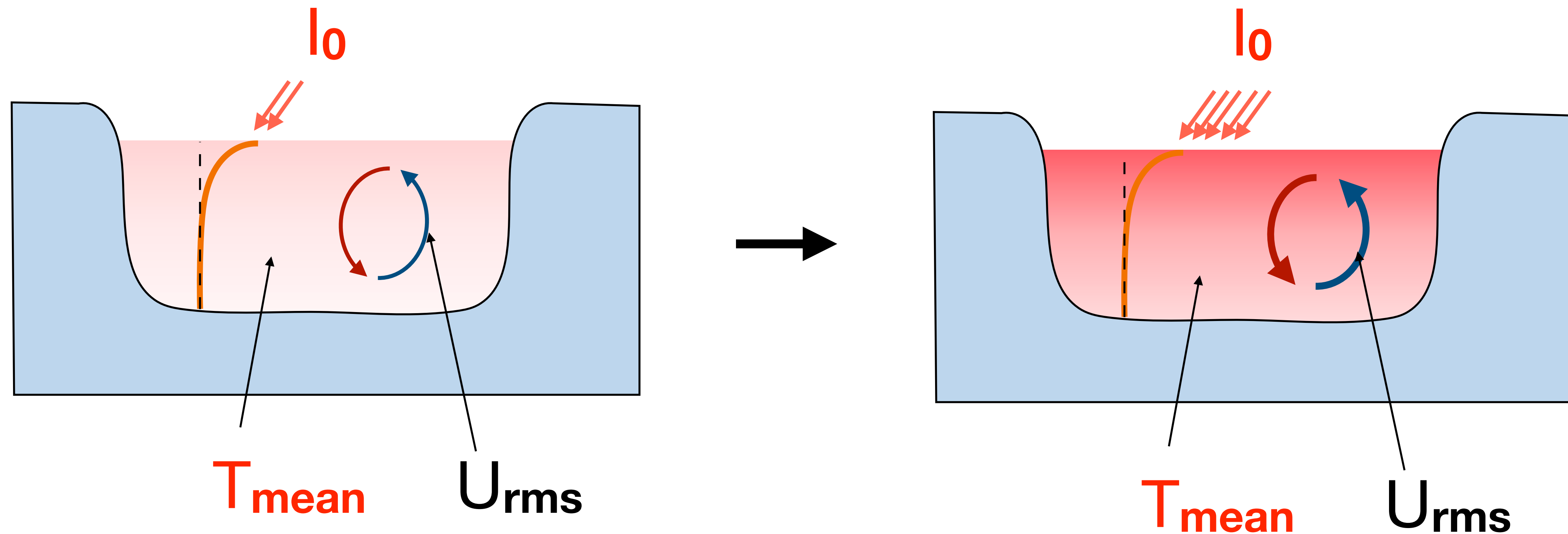
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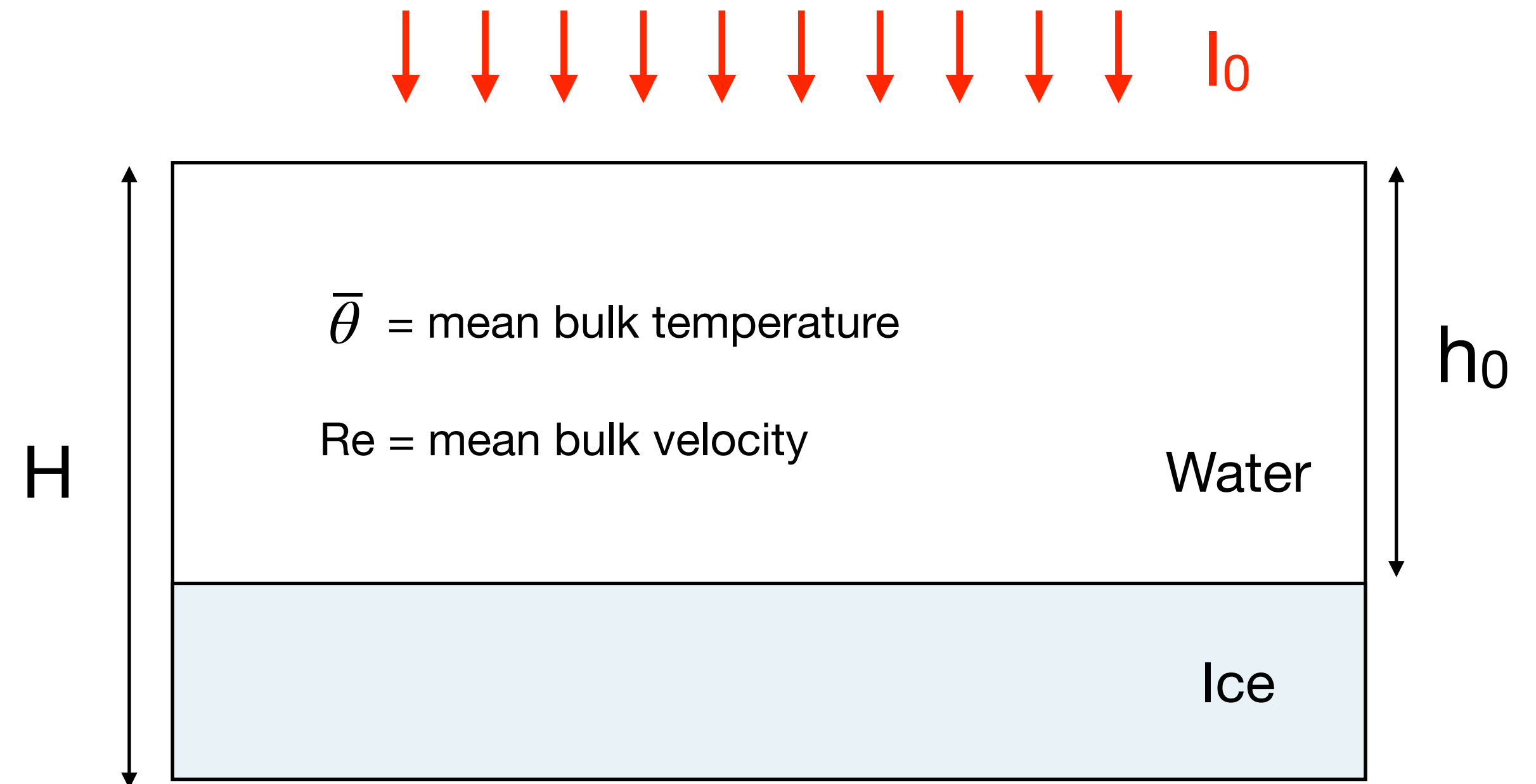
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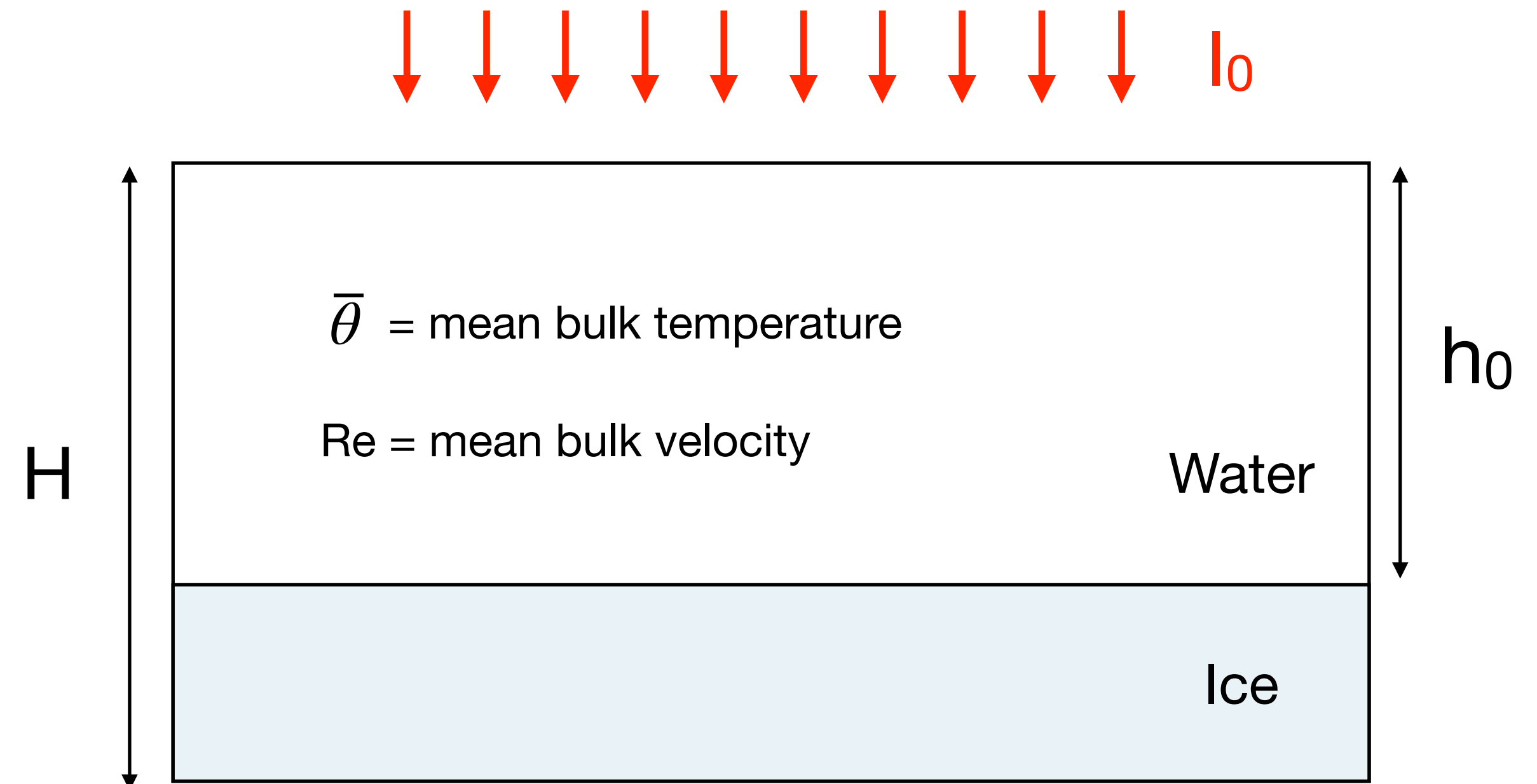
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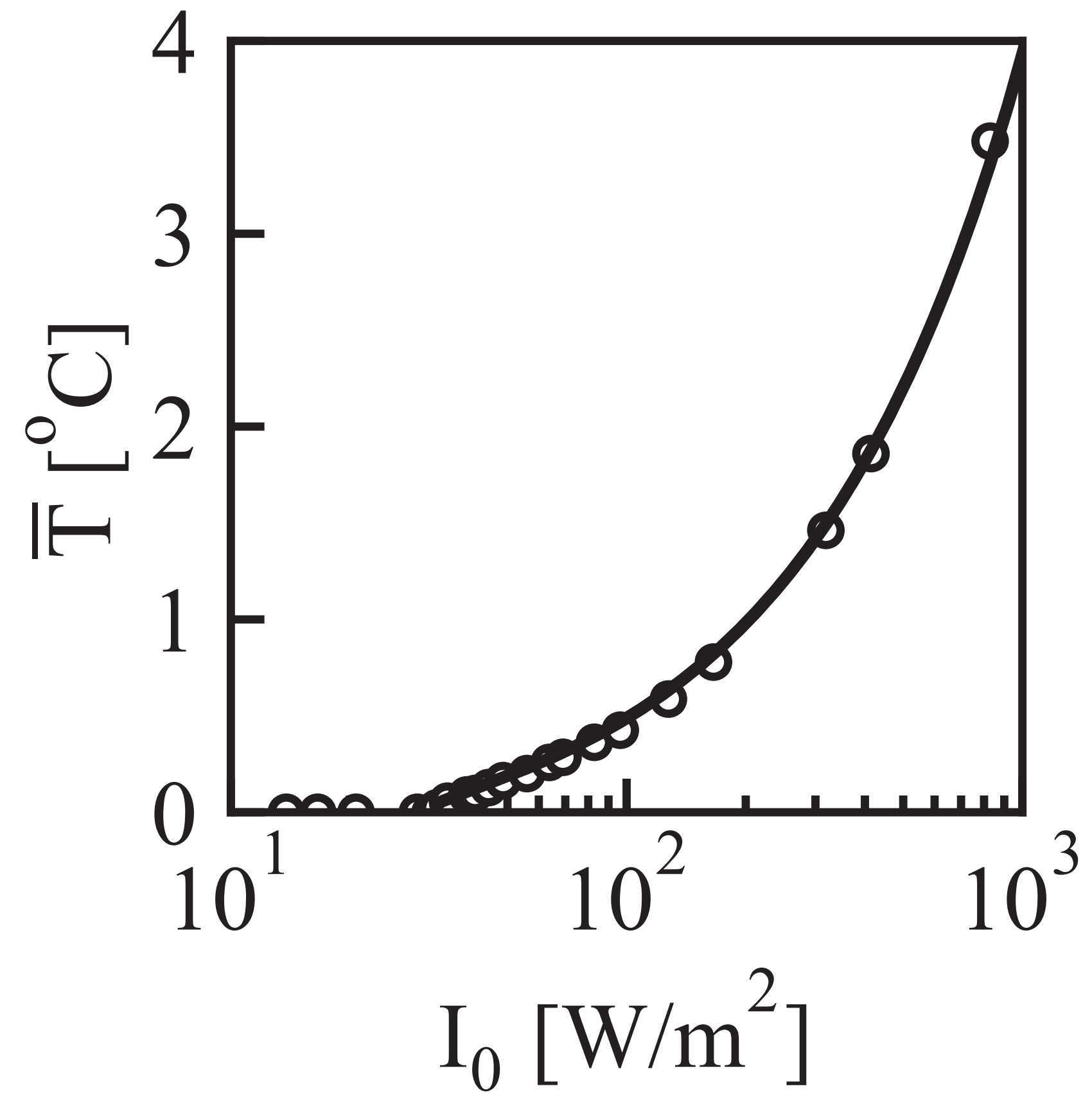
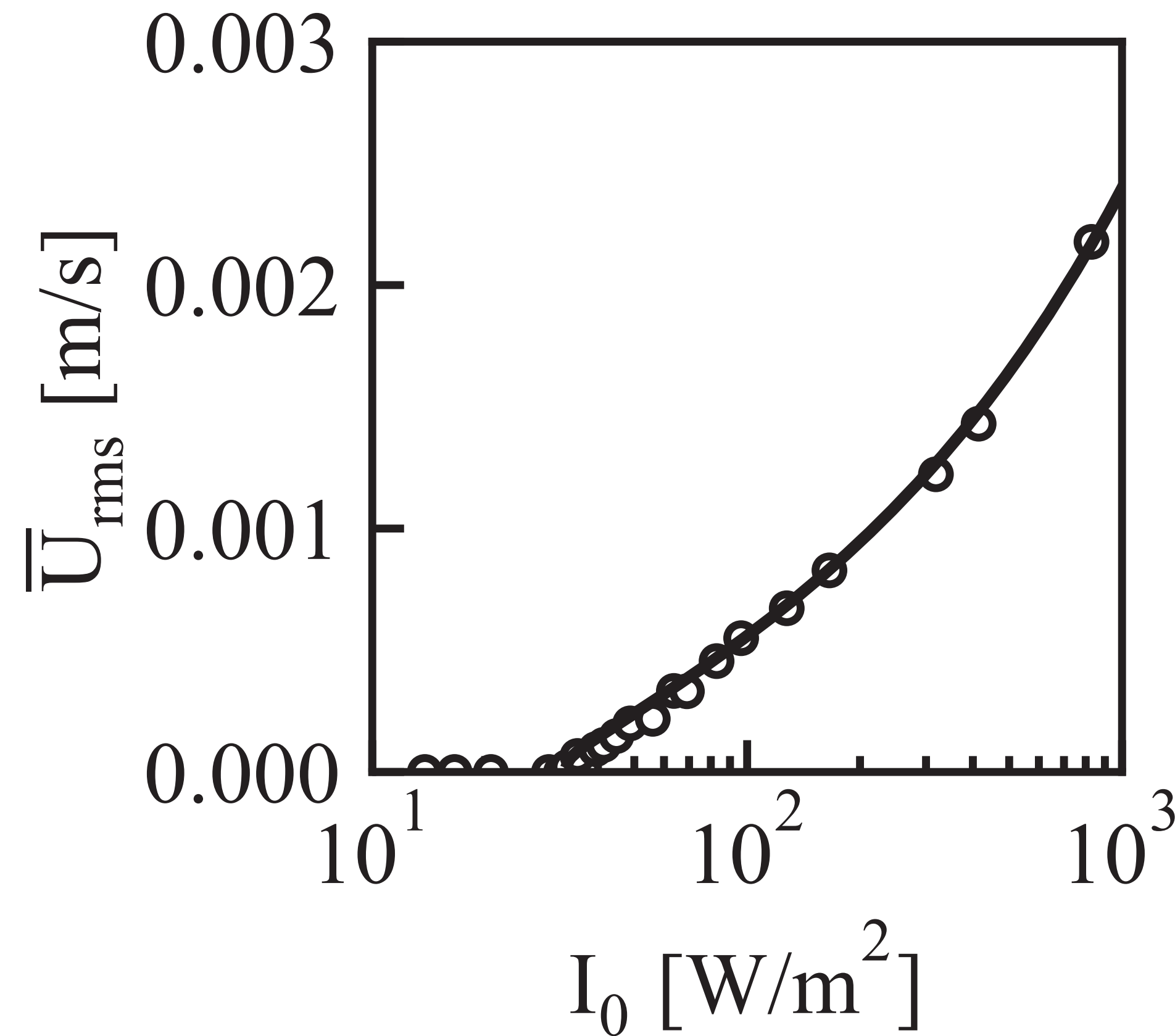
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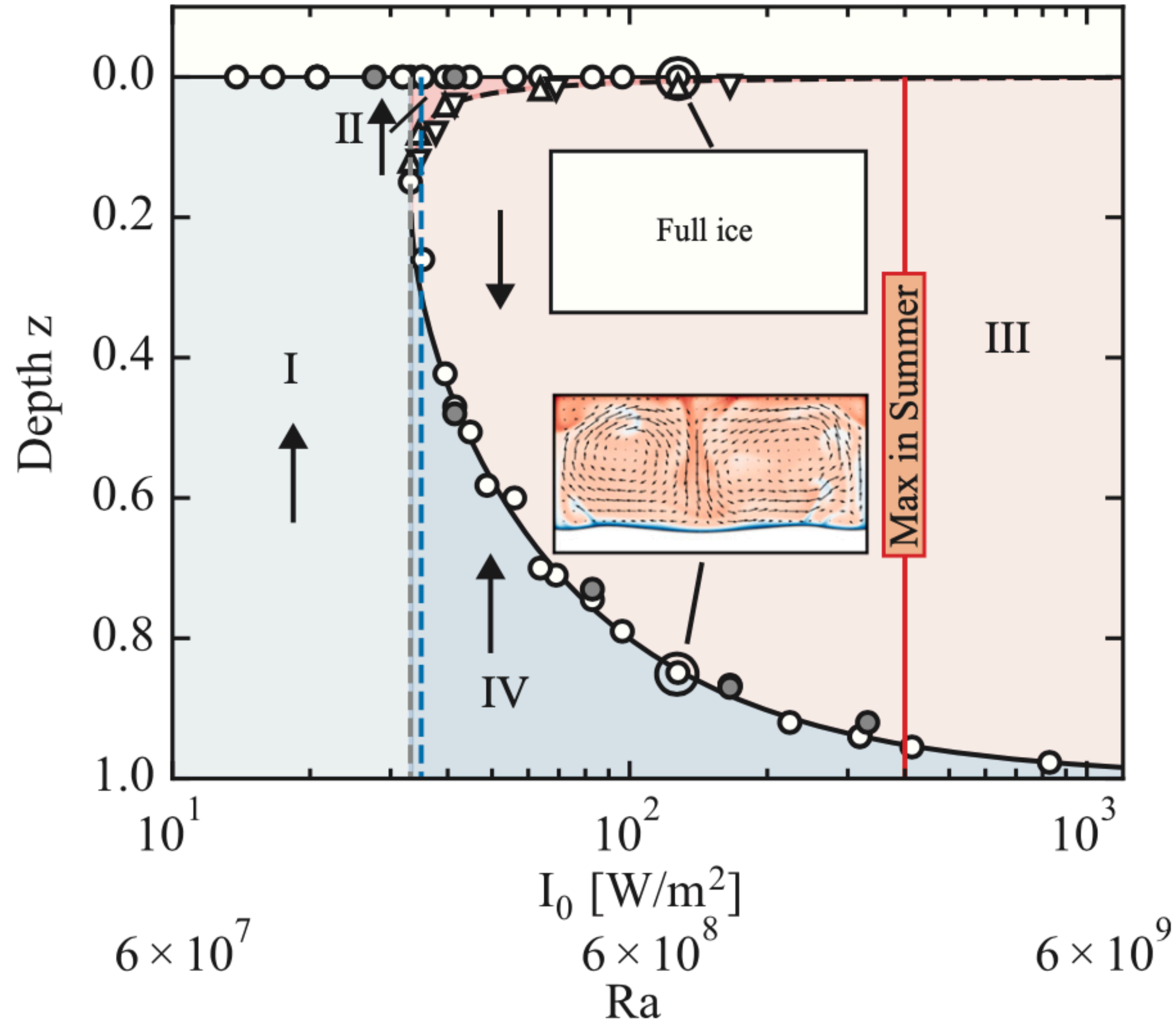
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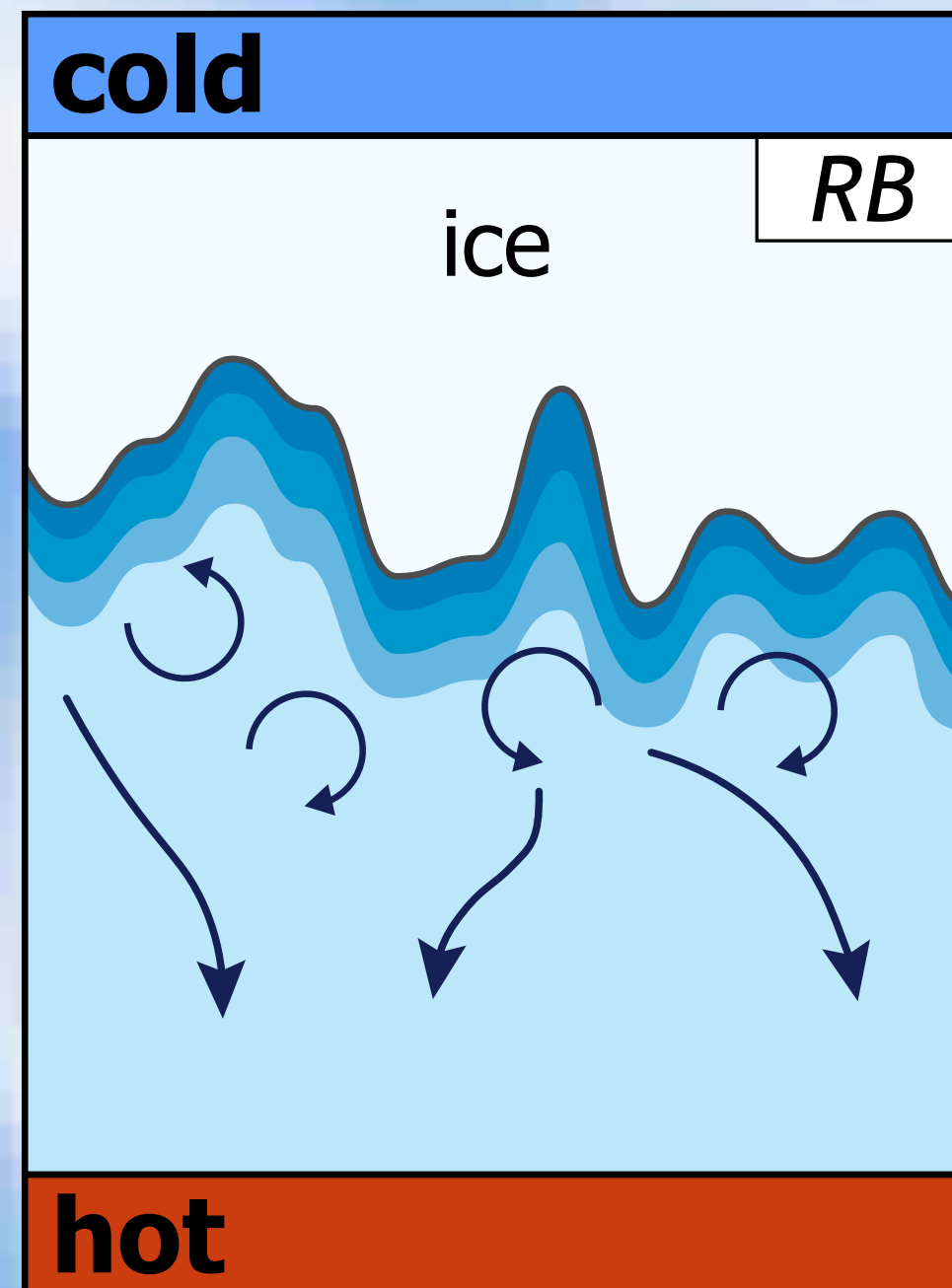
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- bistability
- subcritical bifurcation
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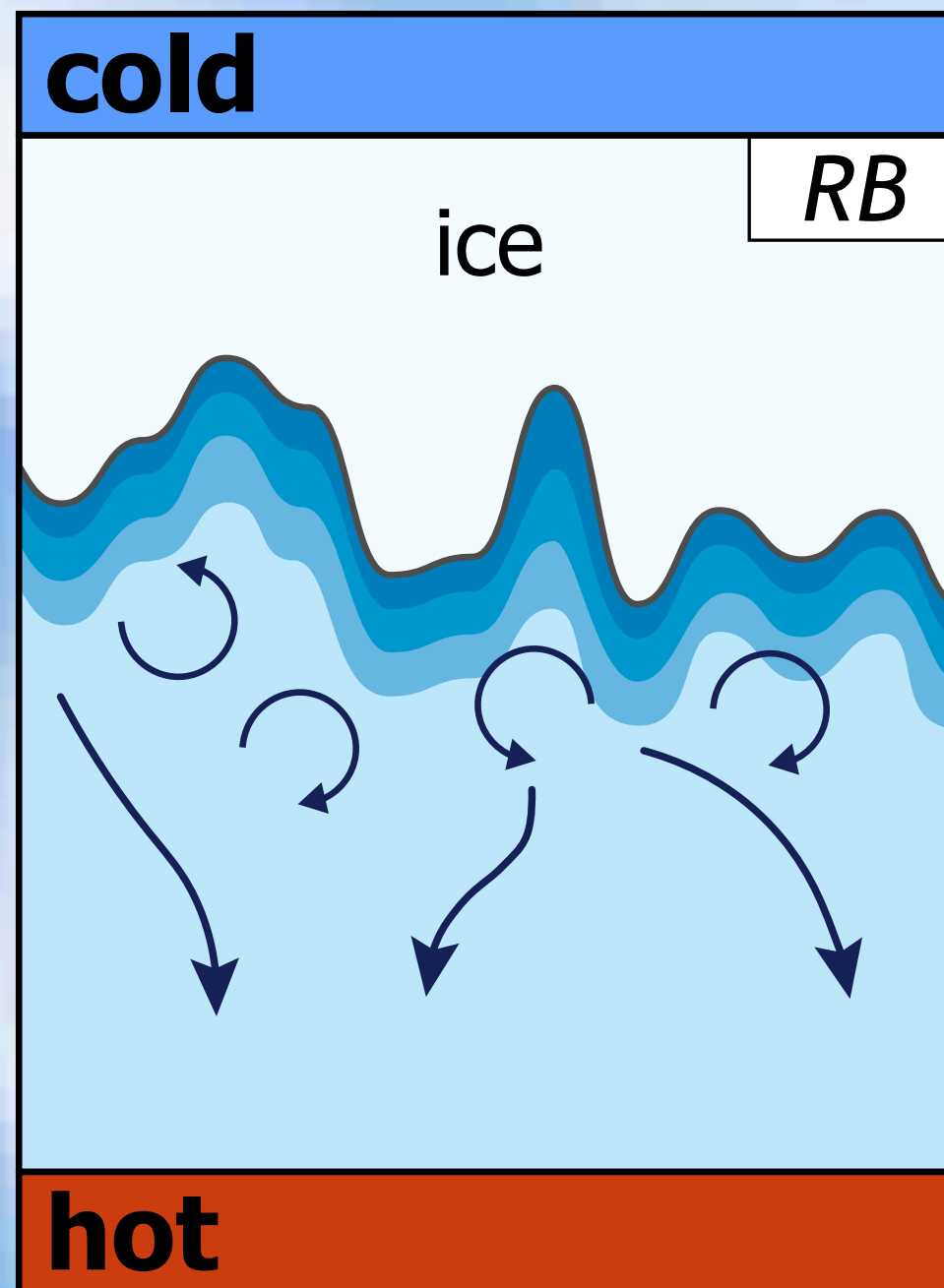
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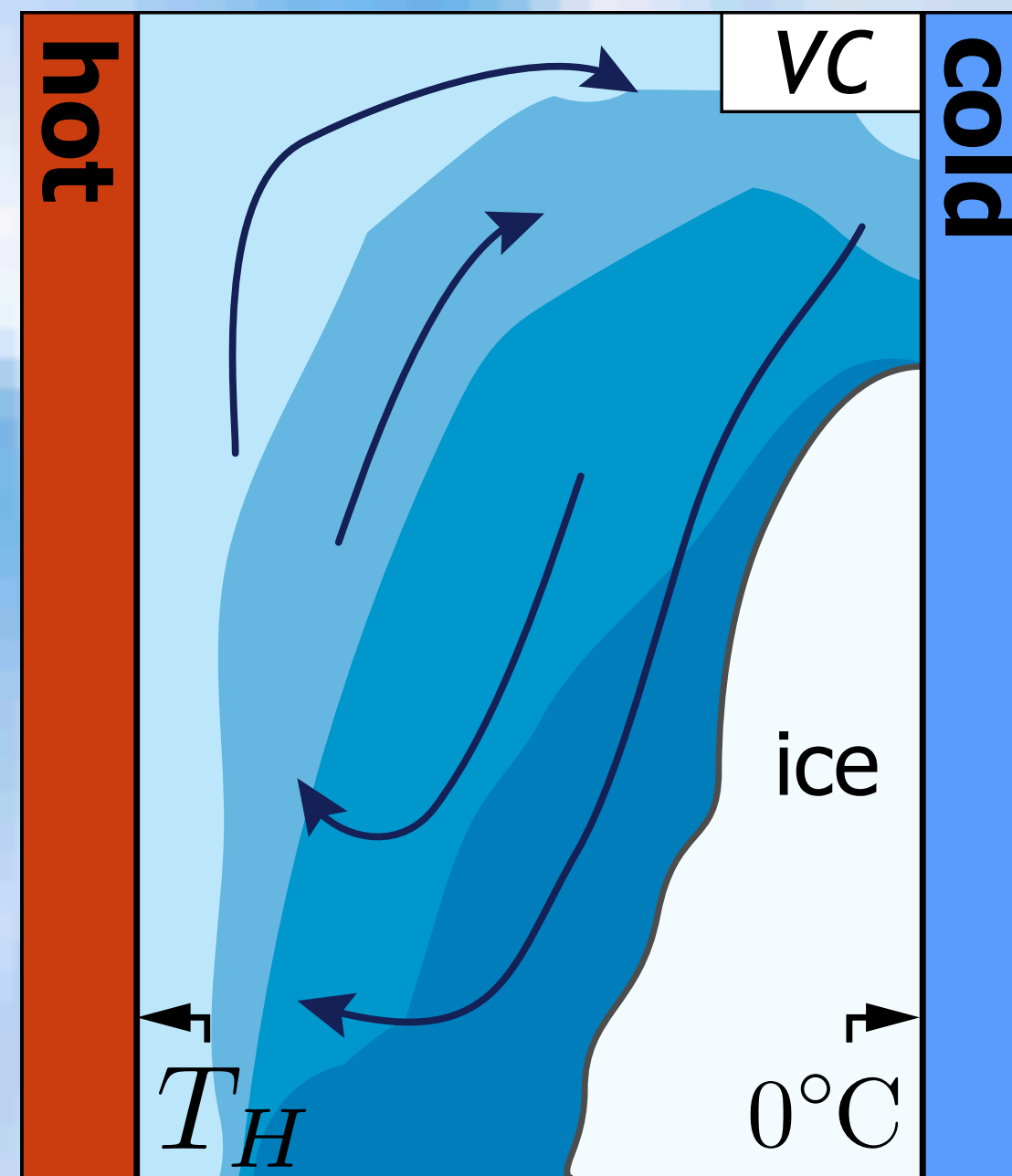


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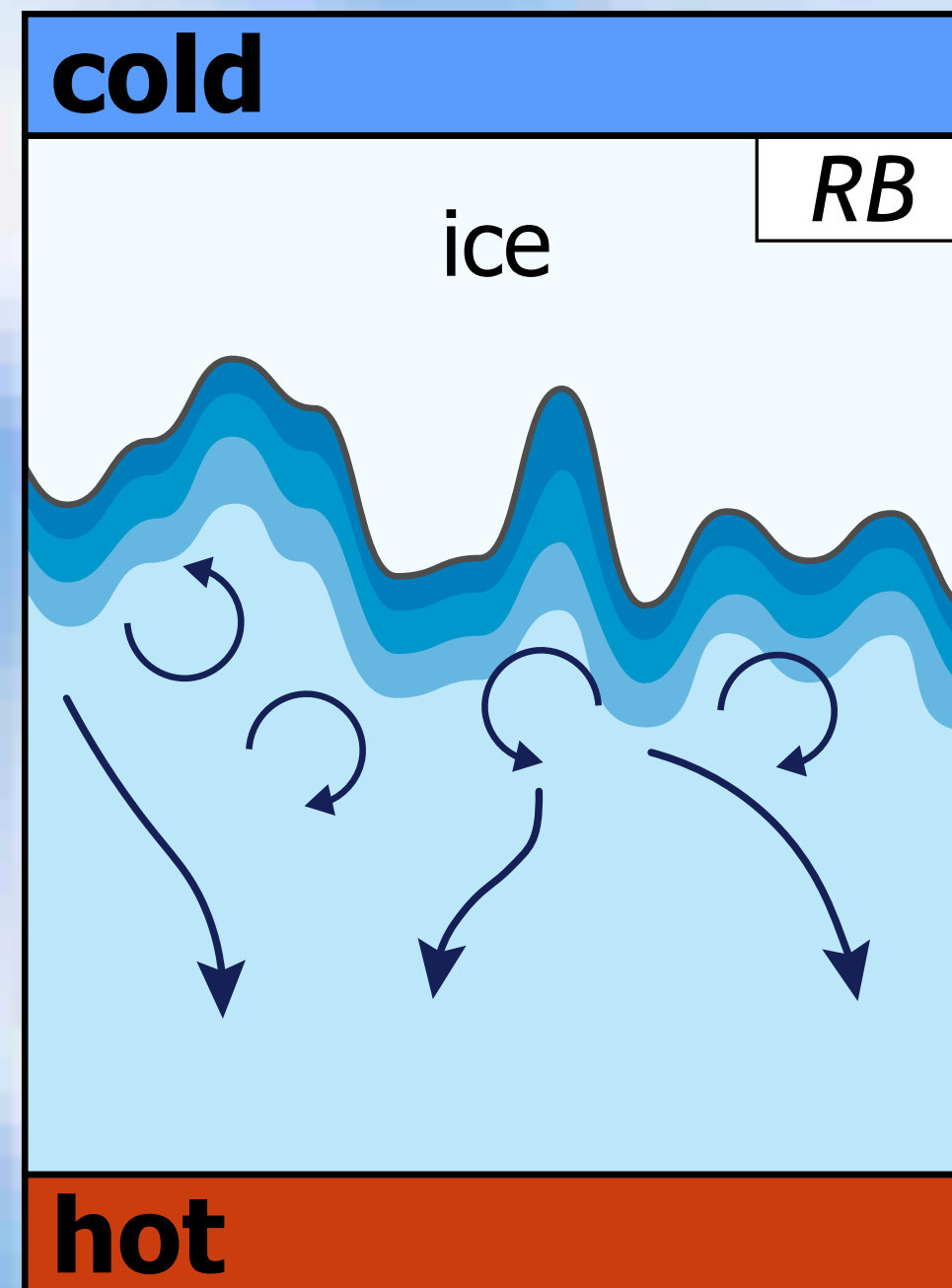


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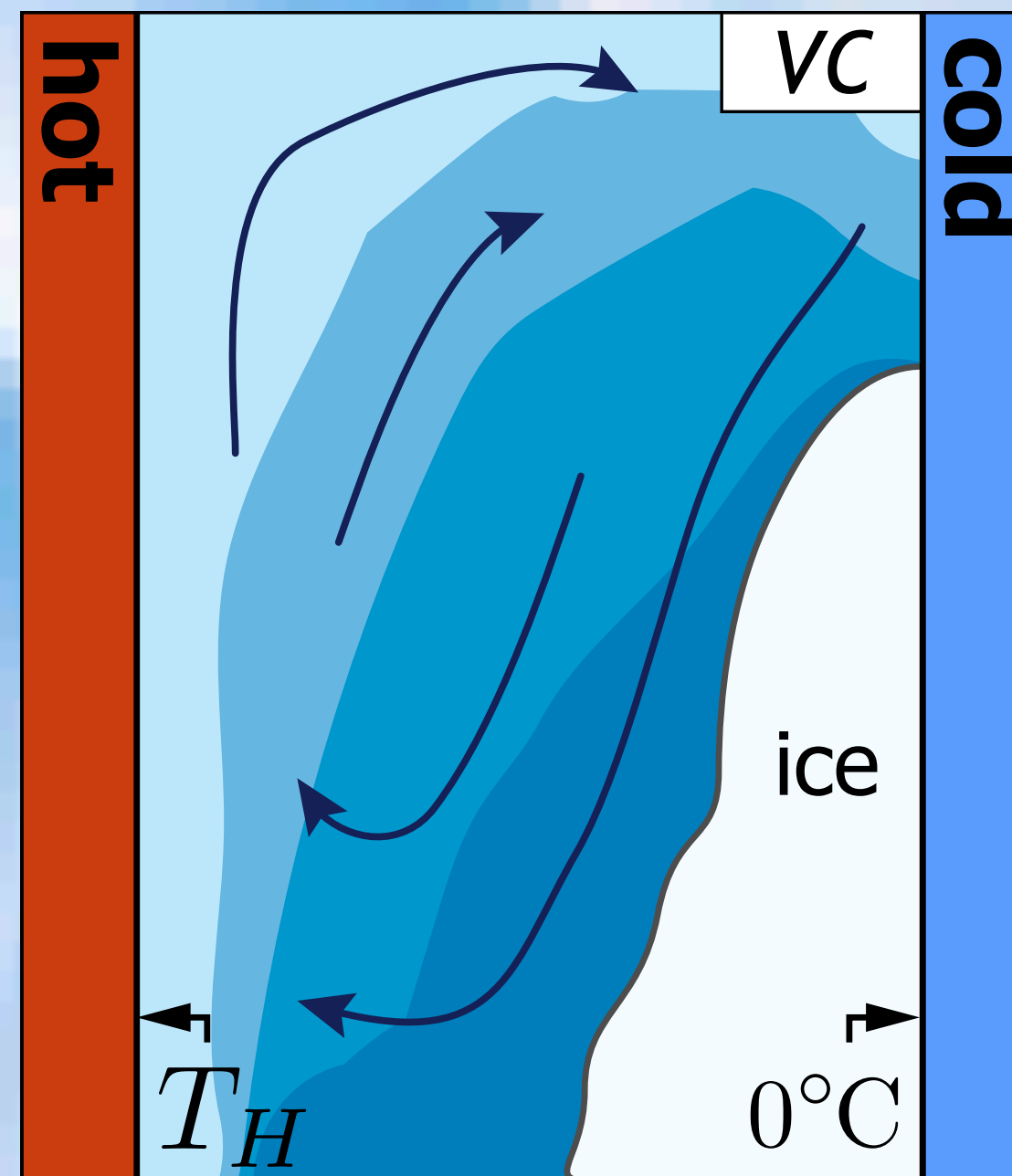


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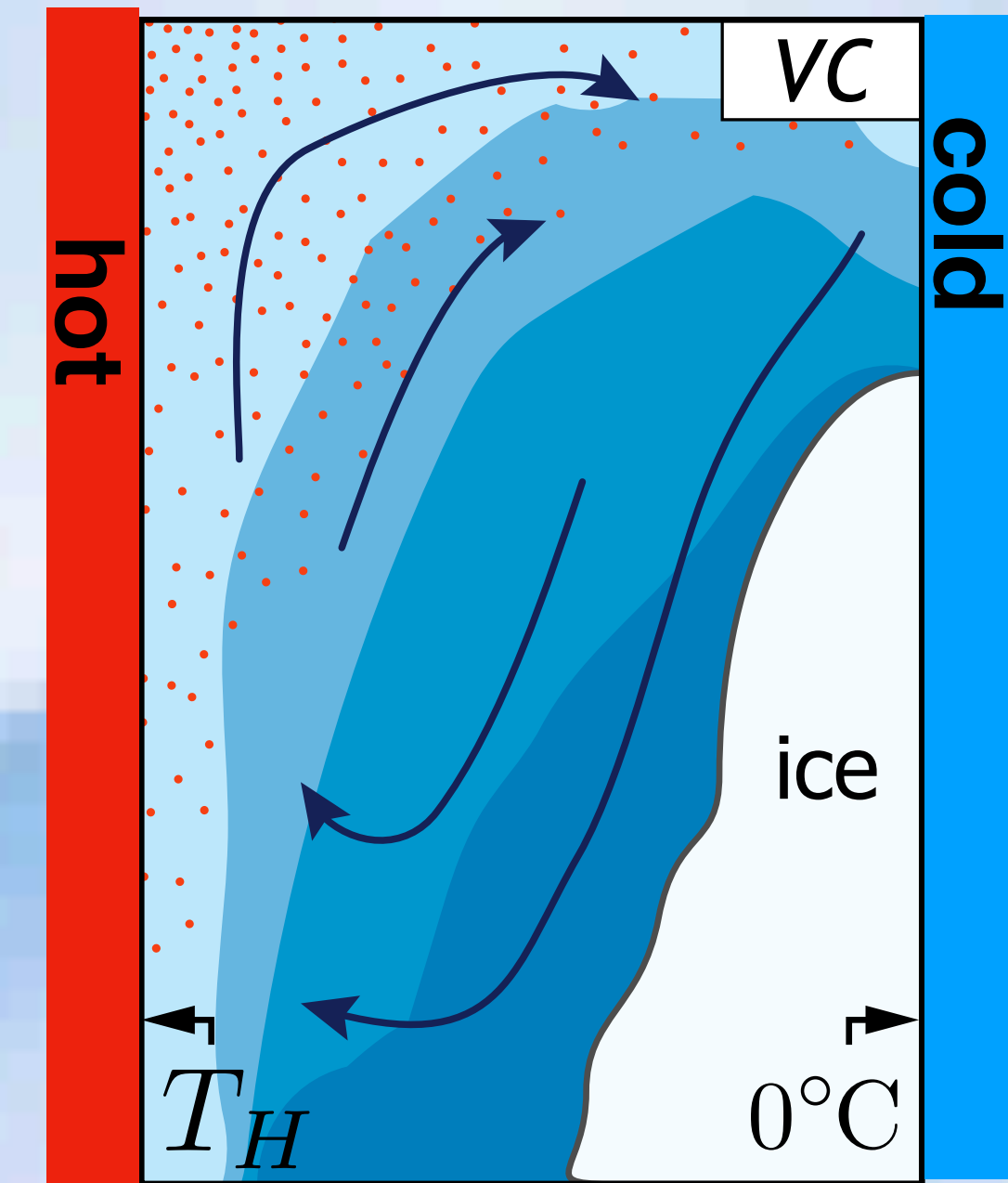
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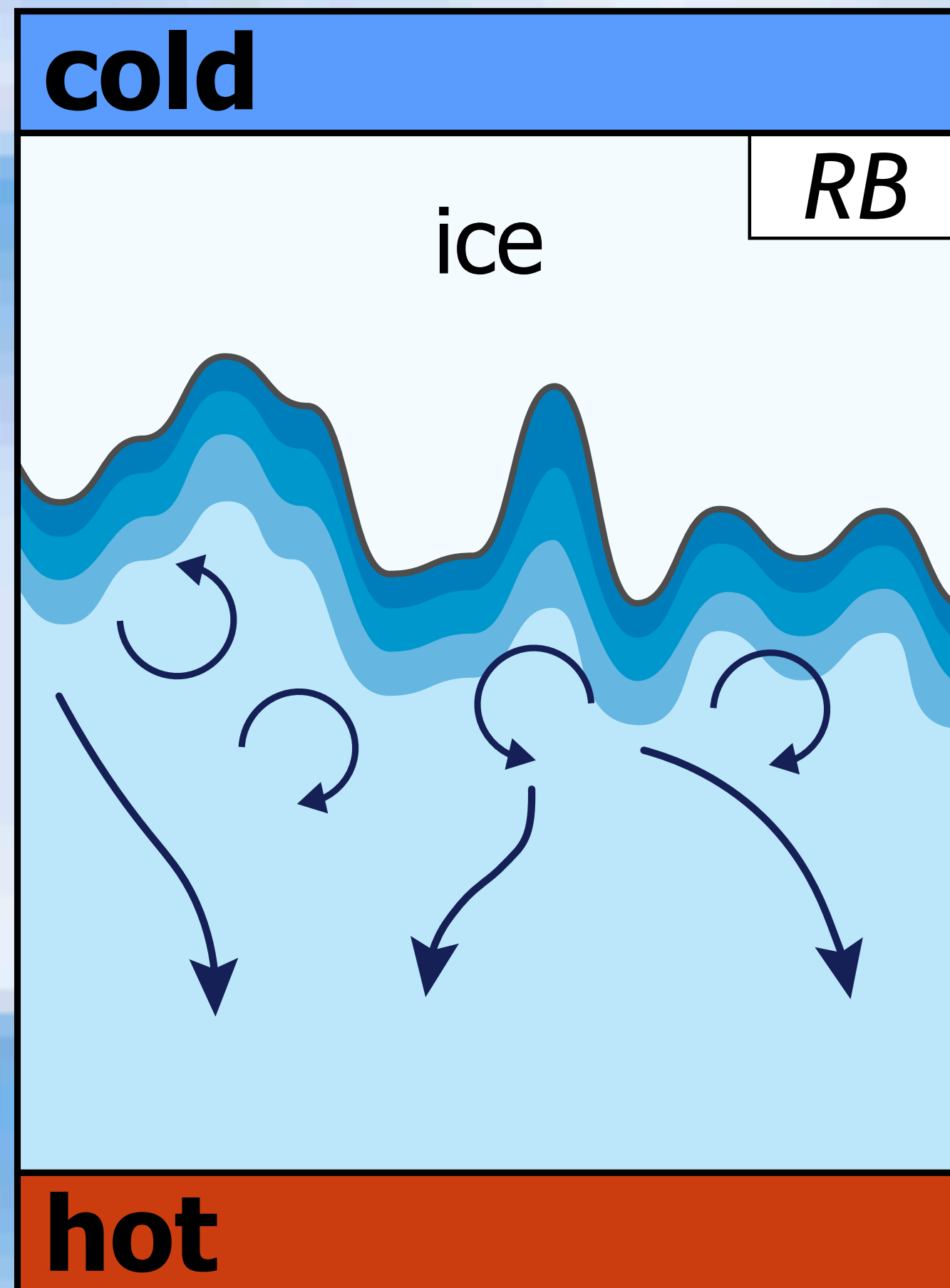


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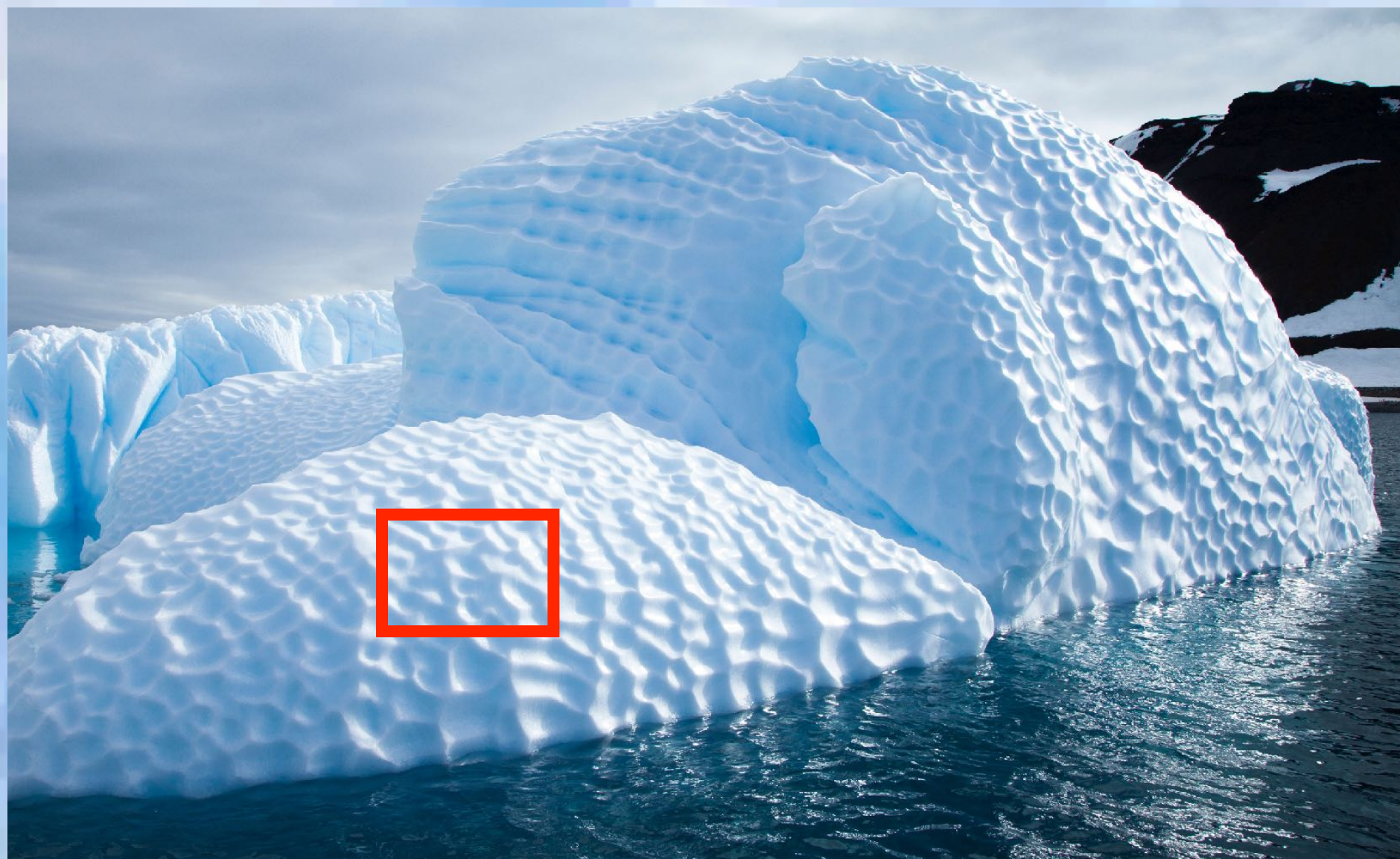
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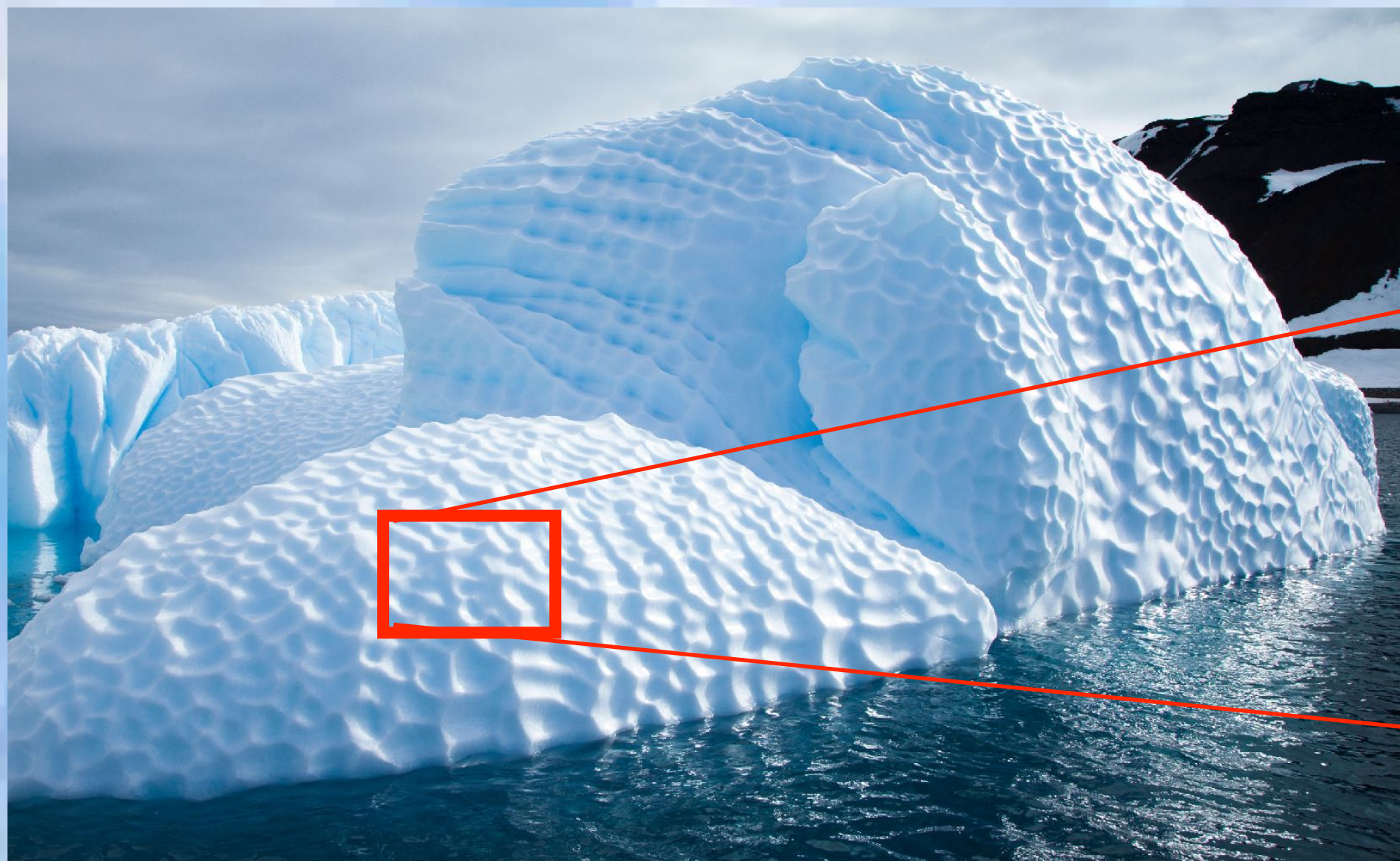
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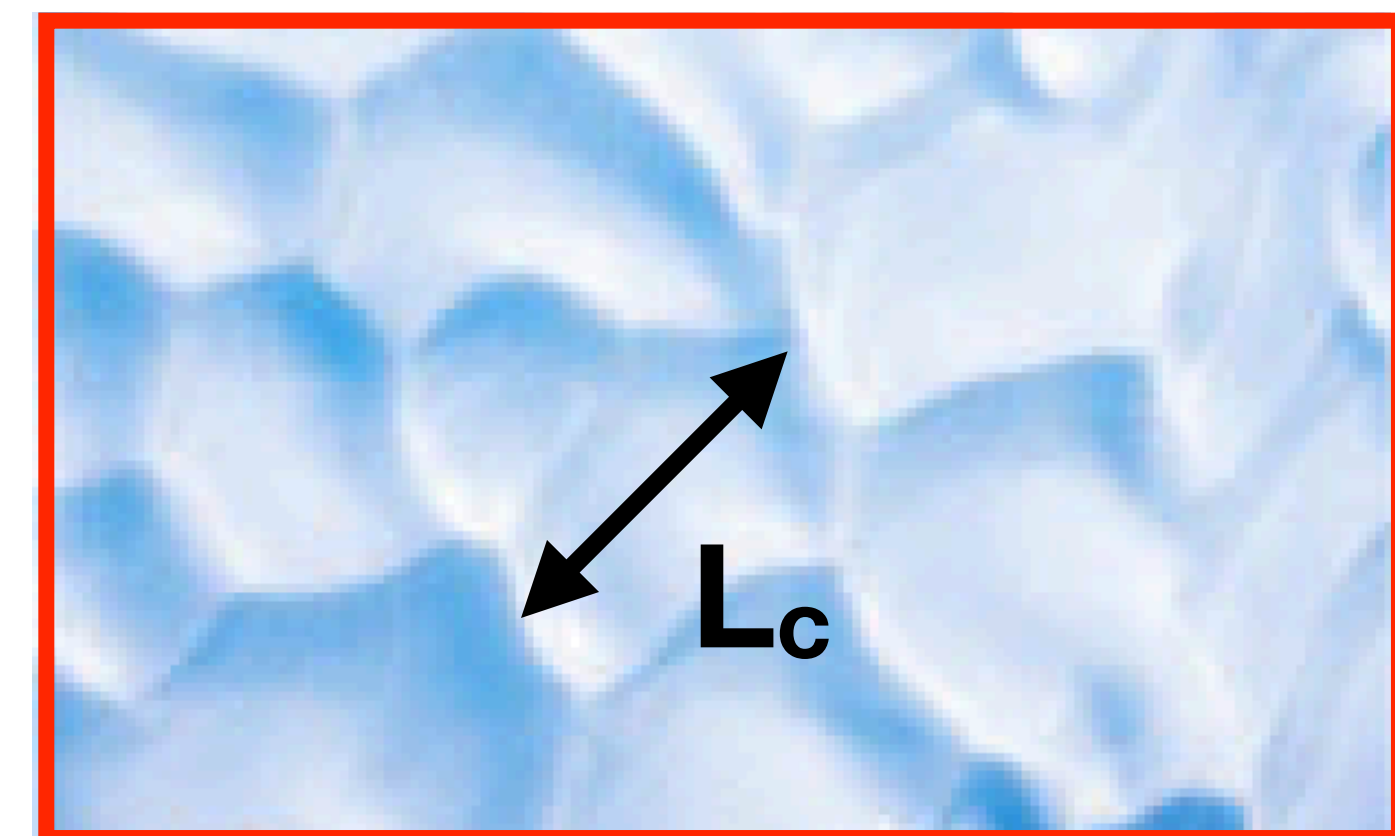
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x1

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initial flat interface

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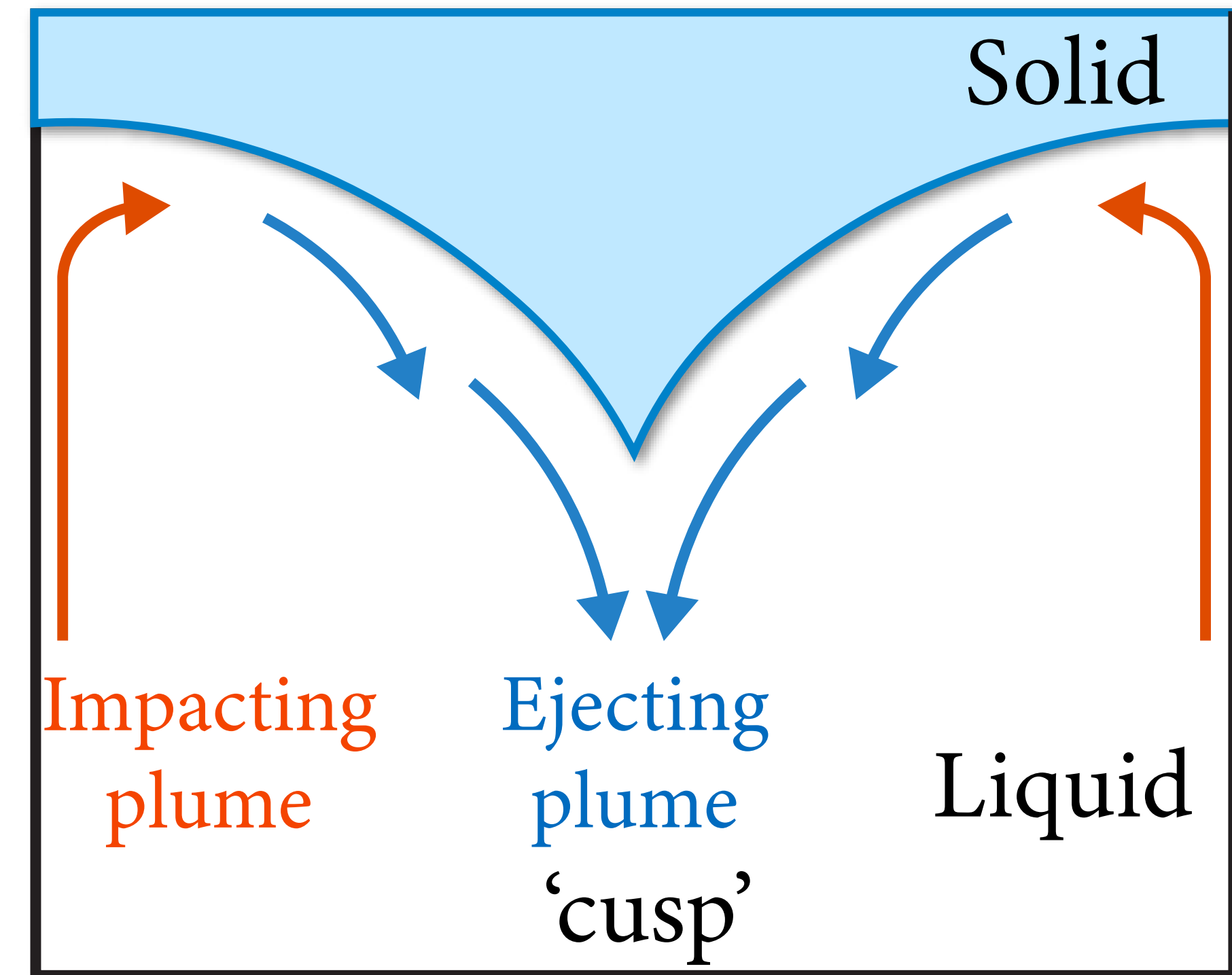
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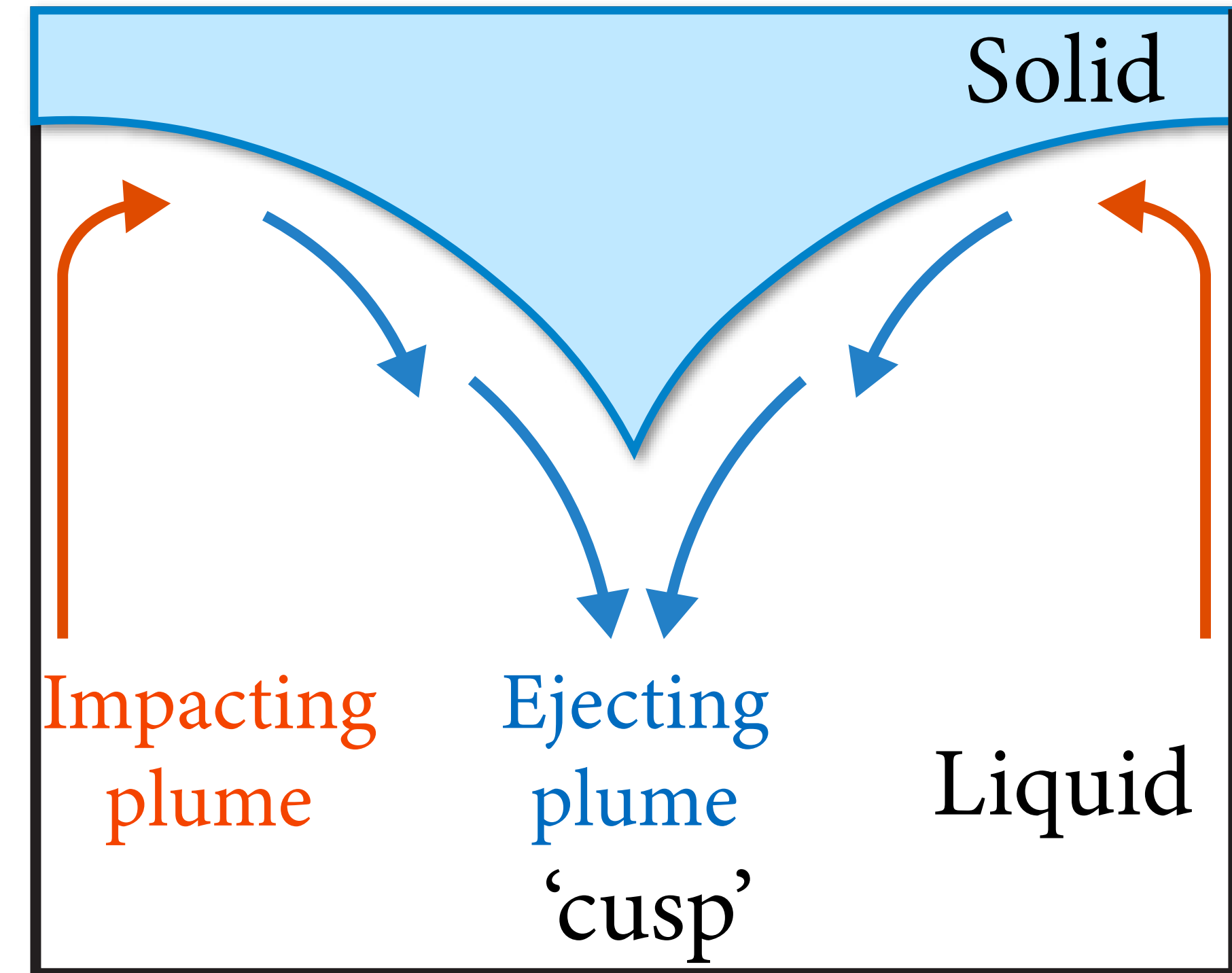
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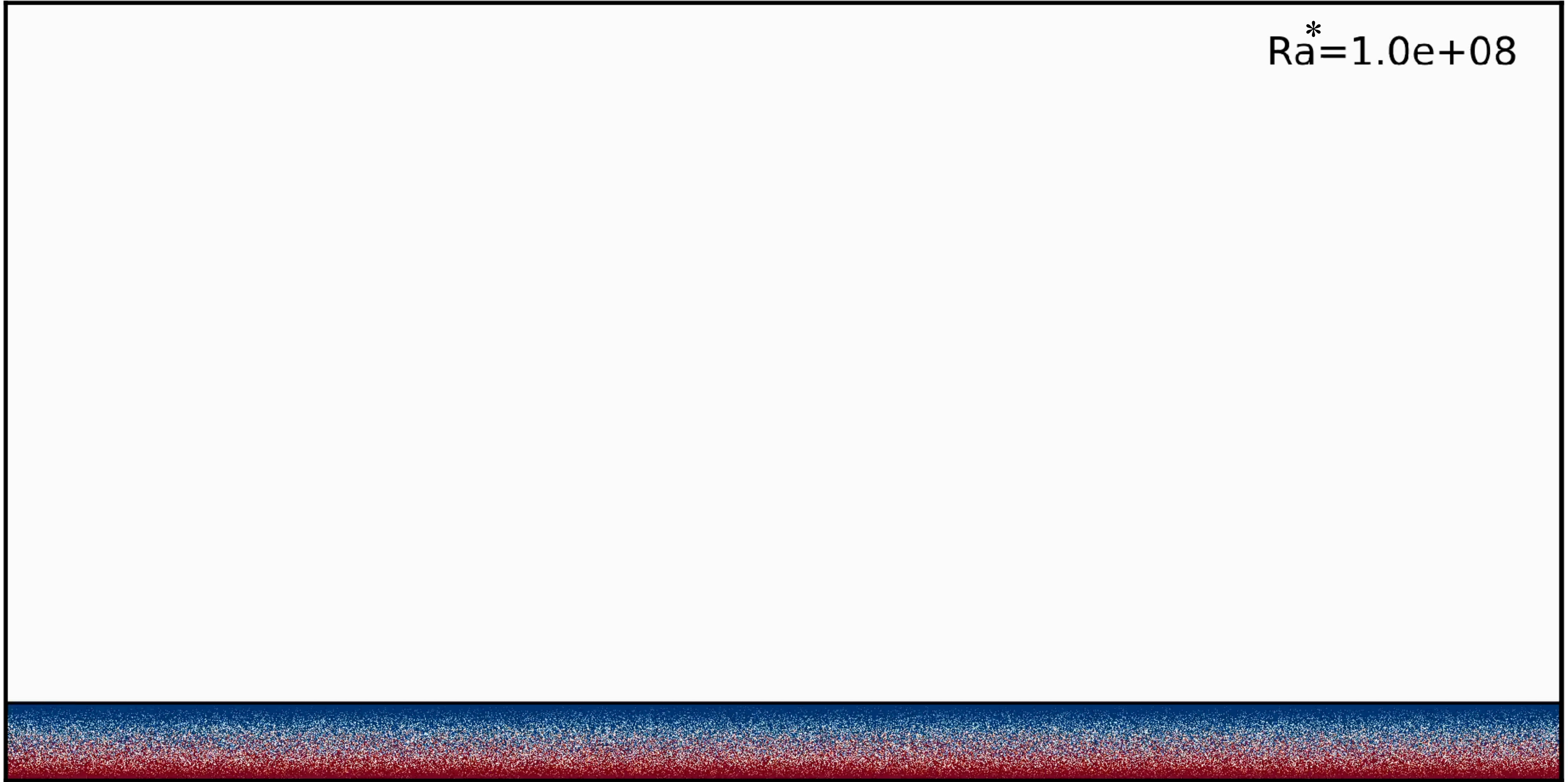
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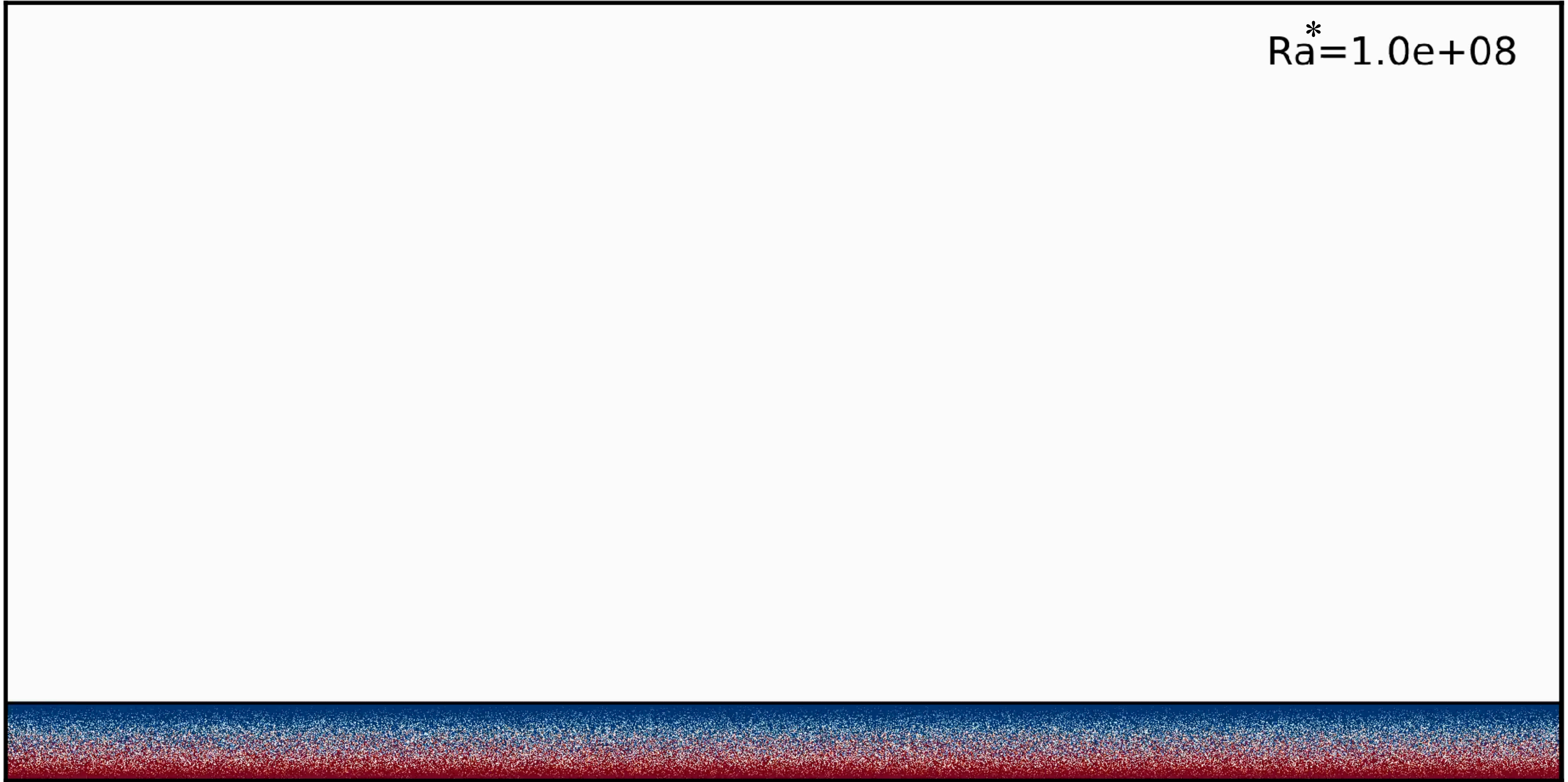
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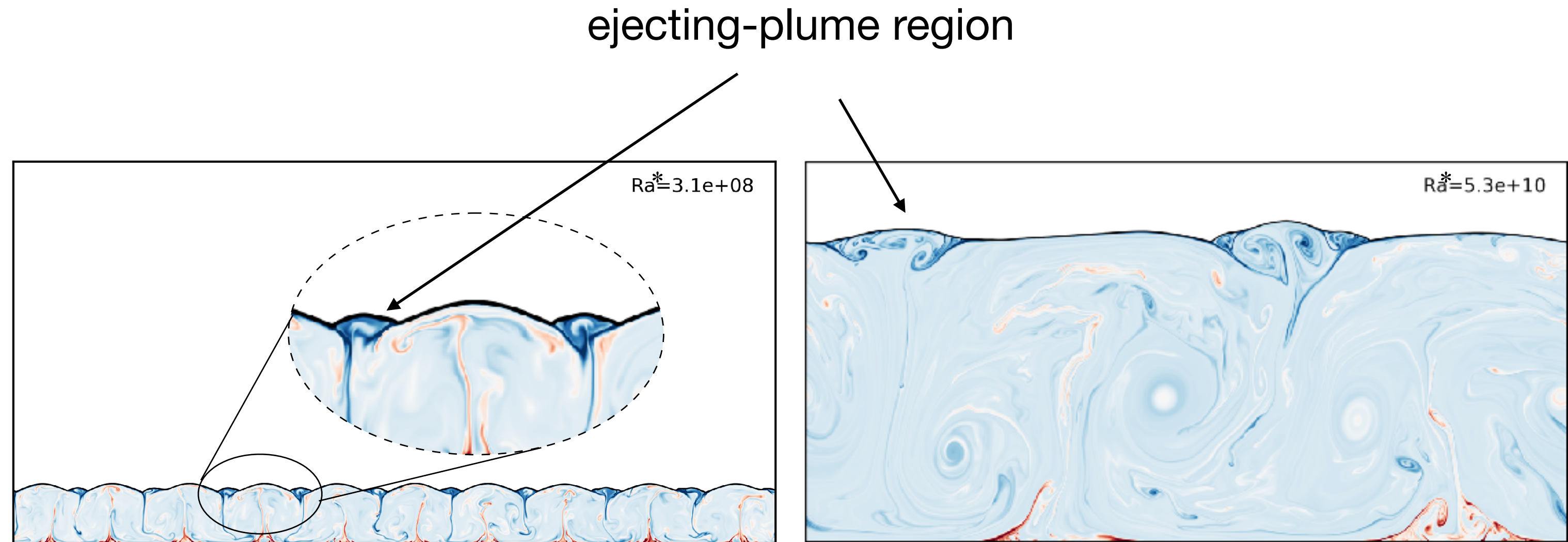
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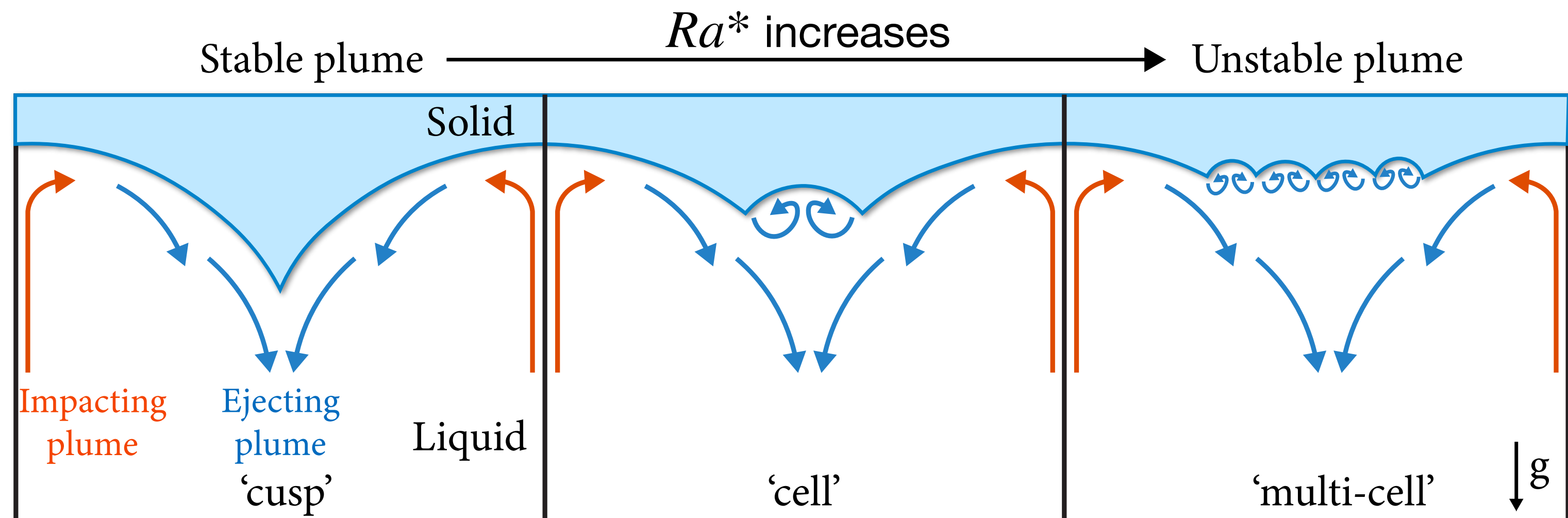
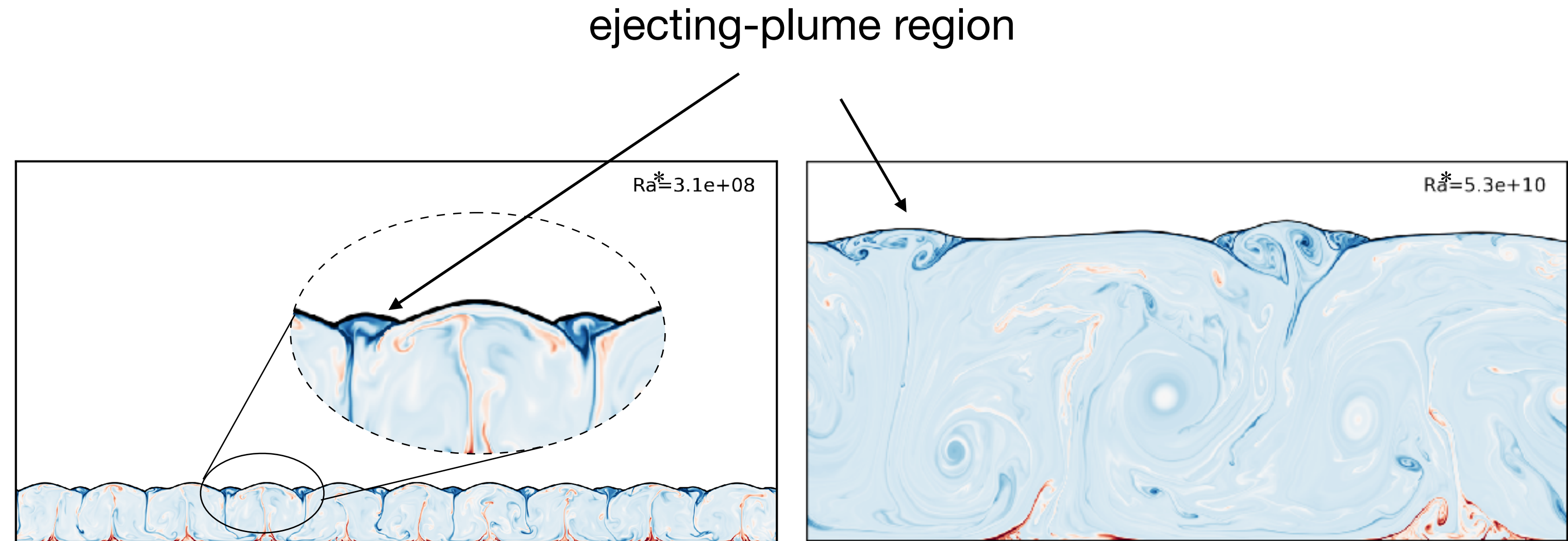
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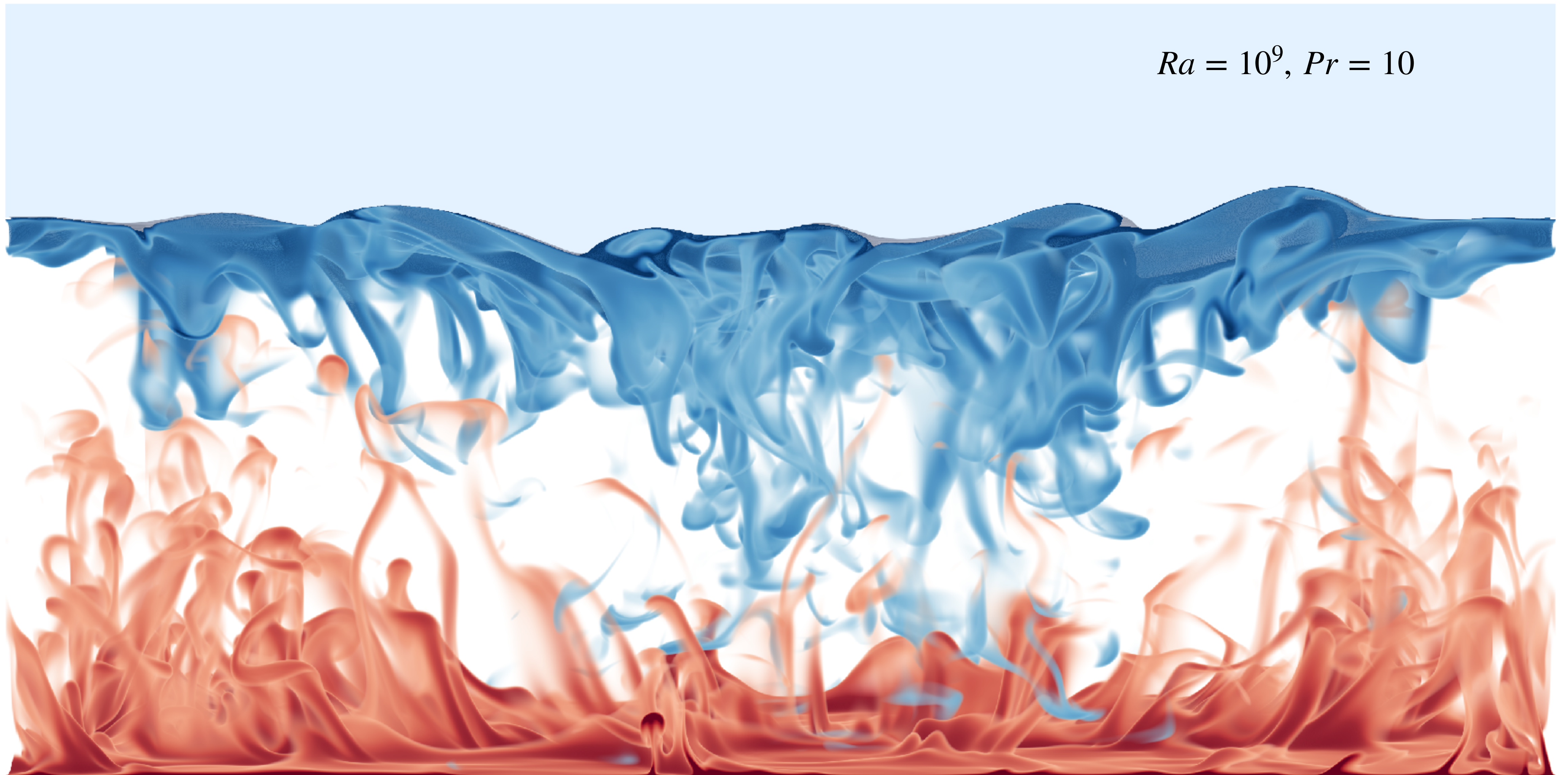
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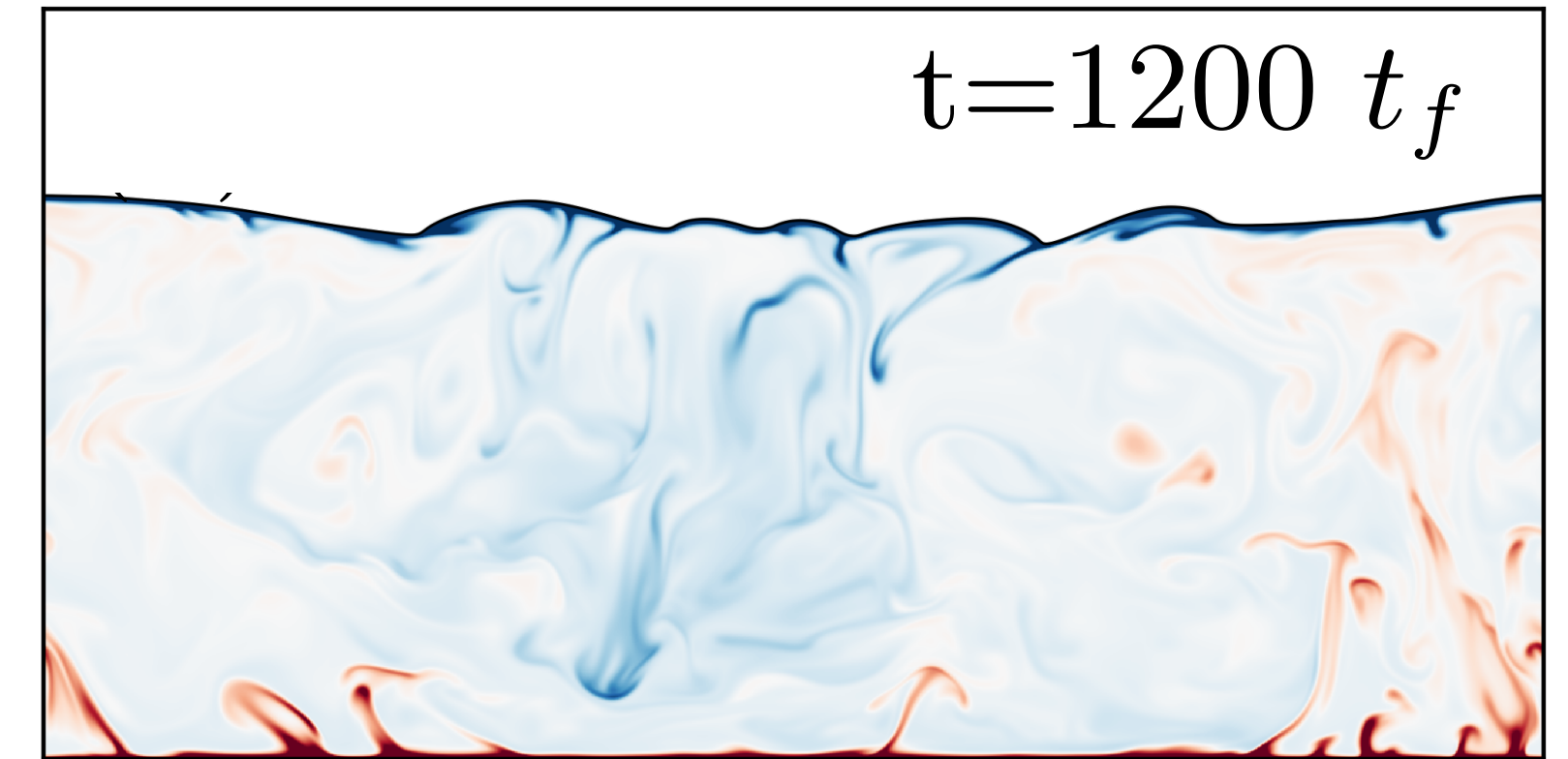
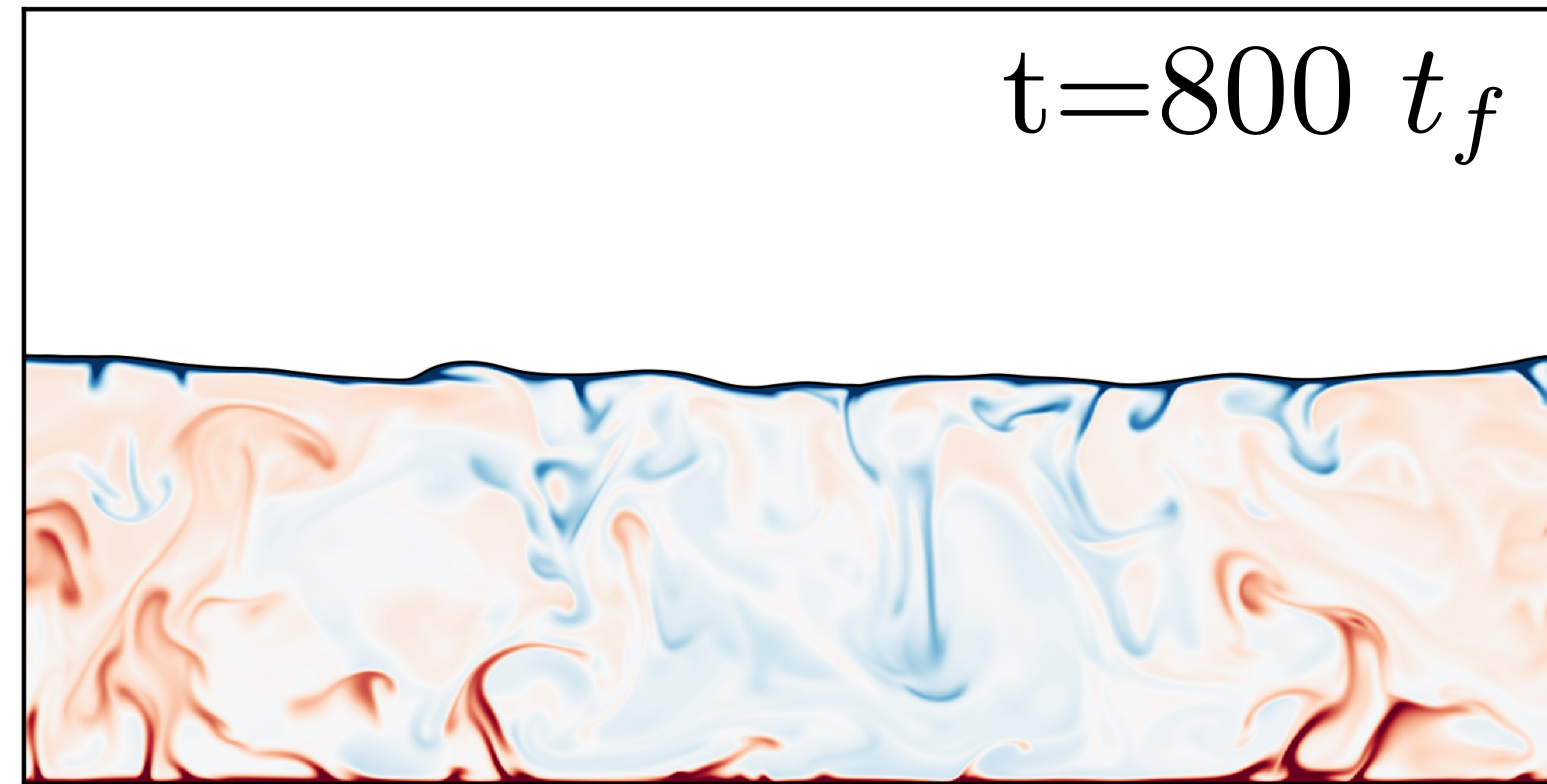
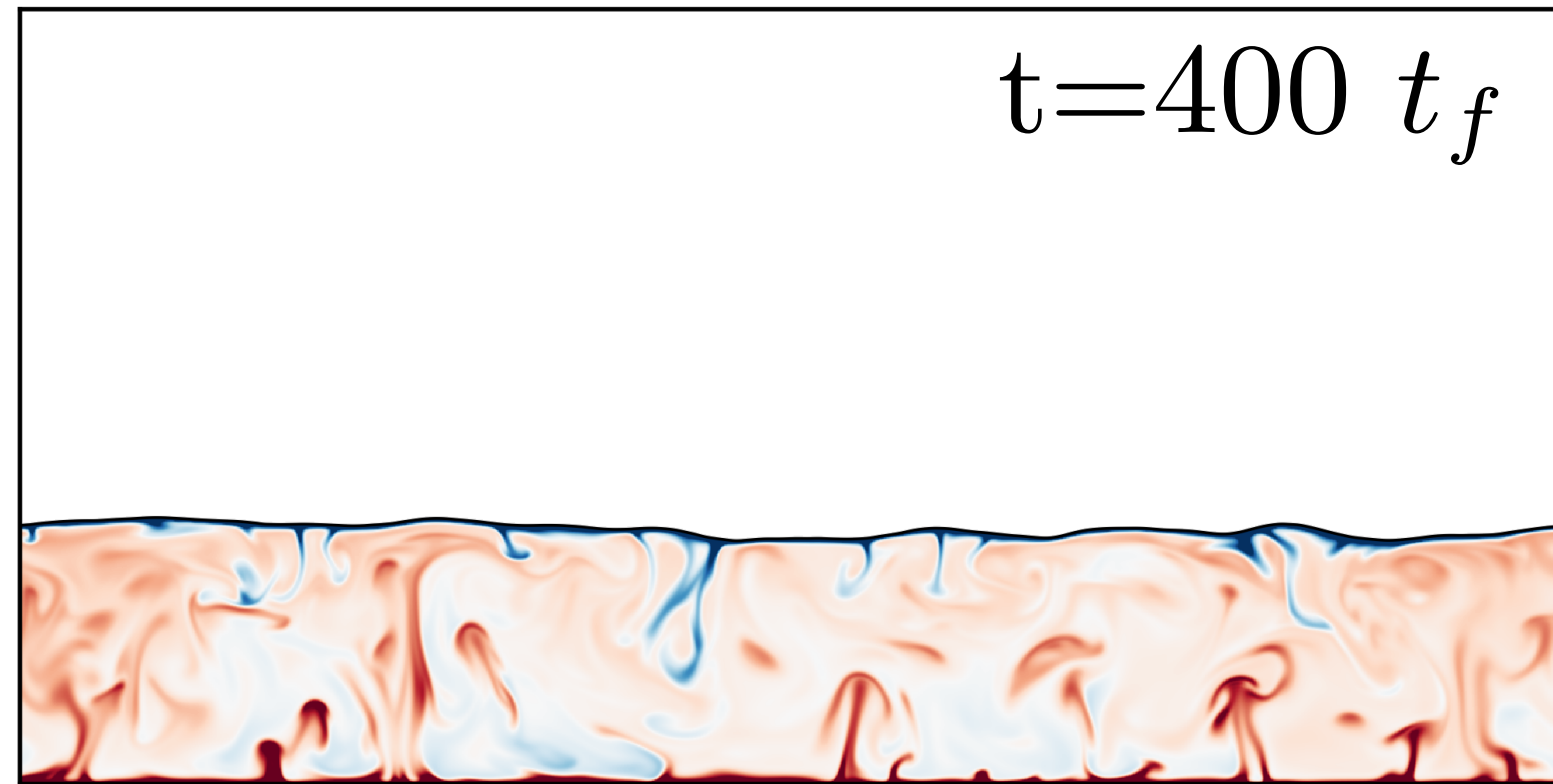
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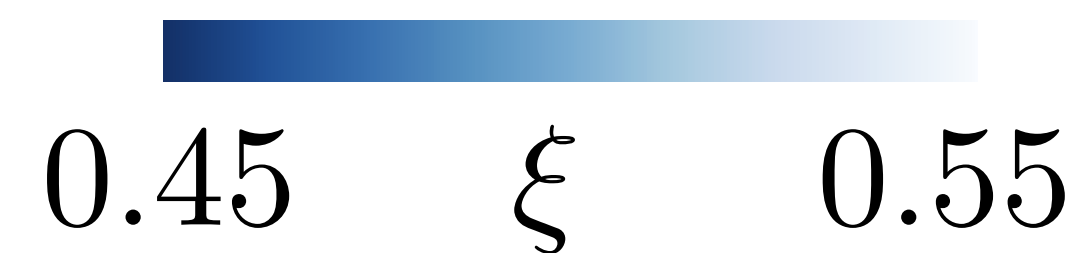
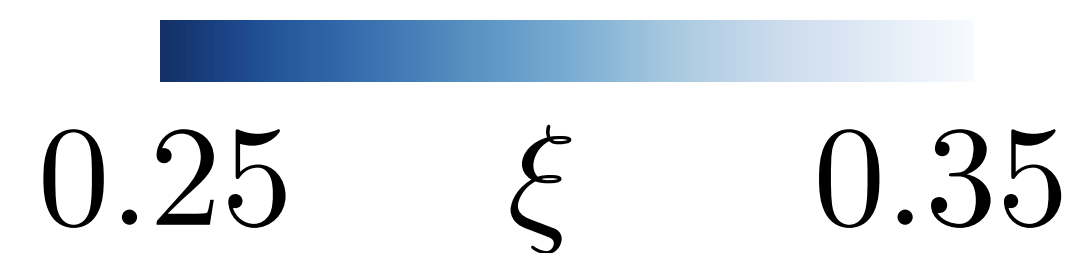
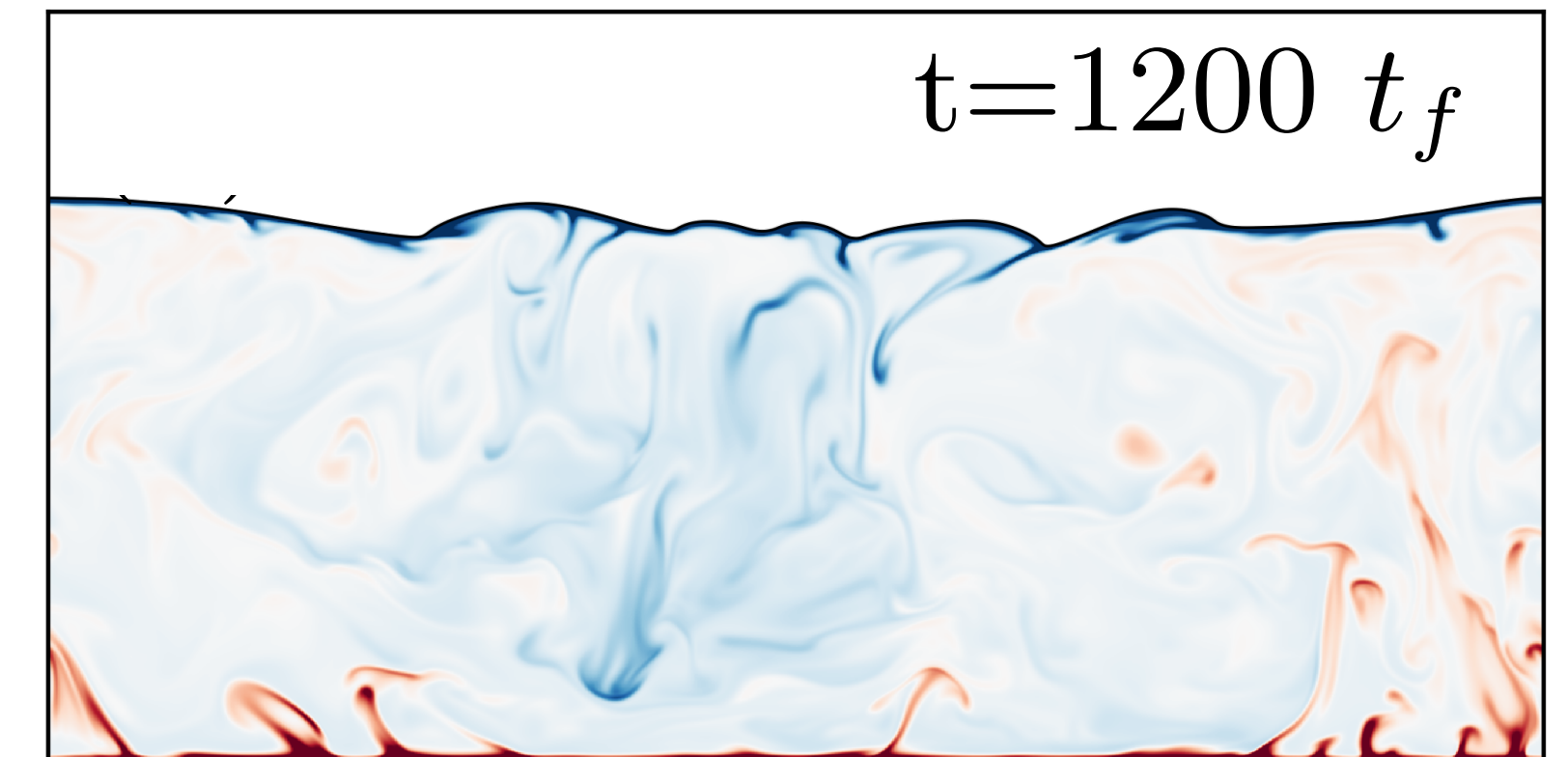
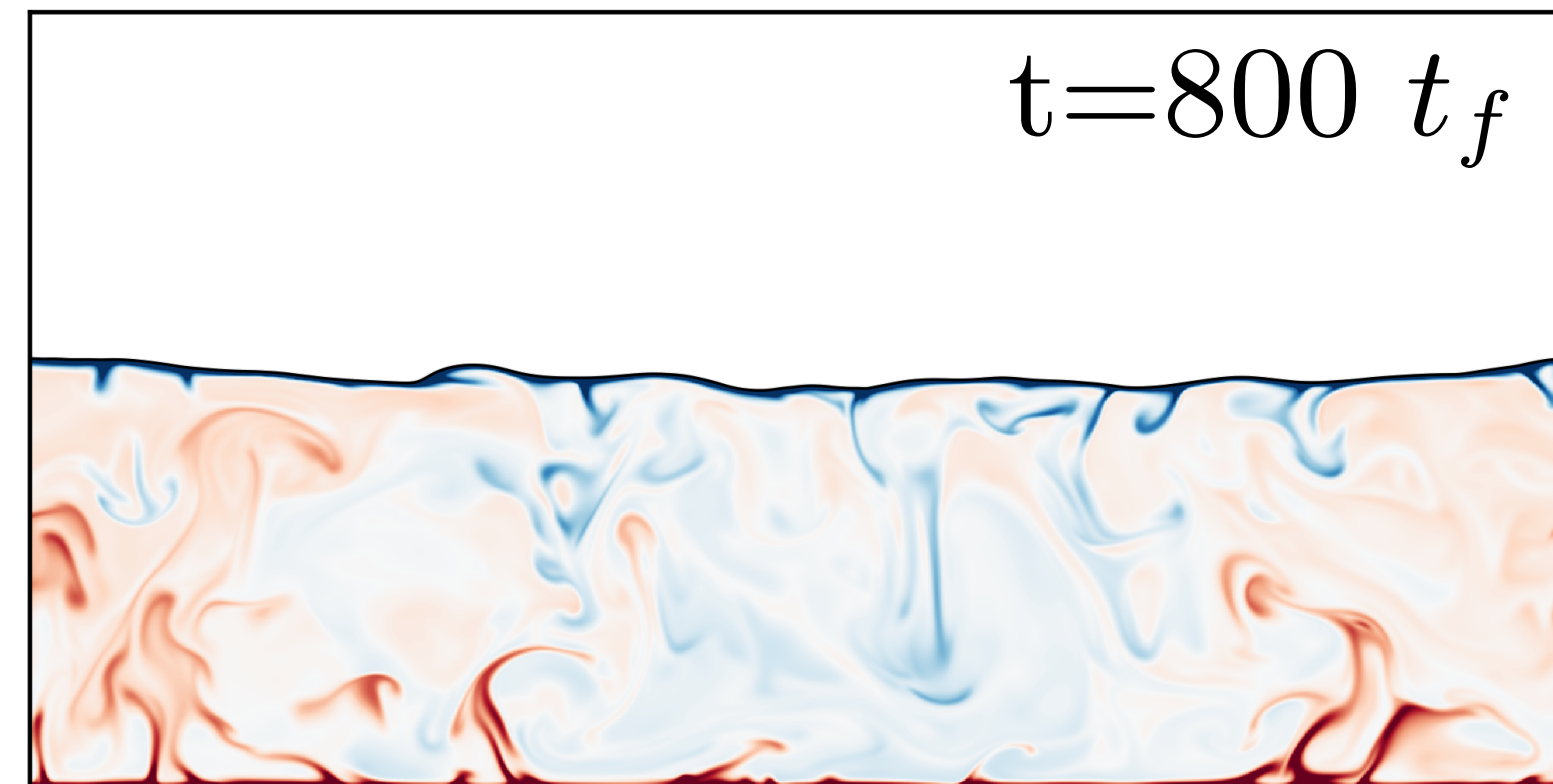
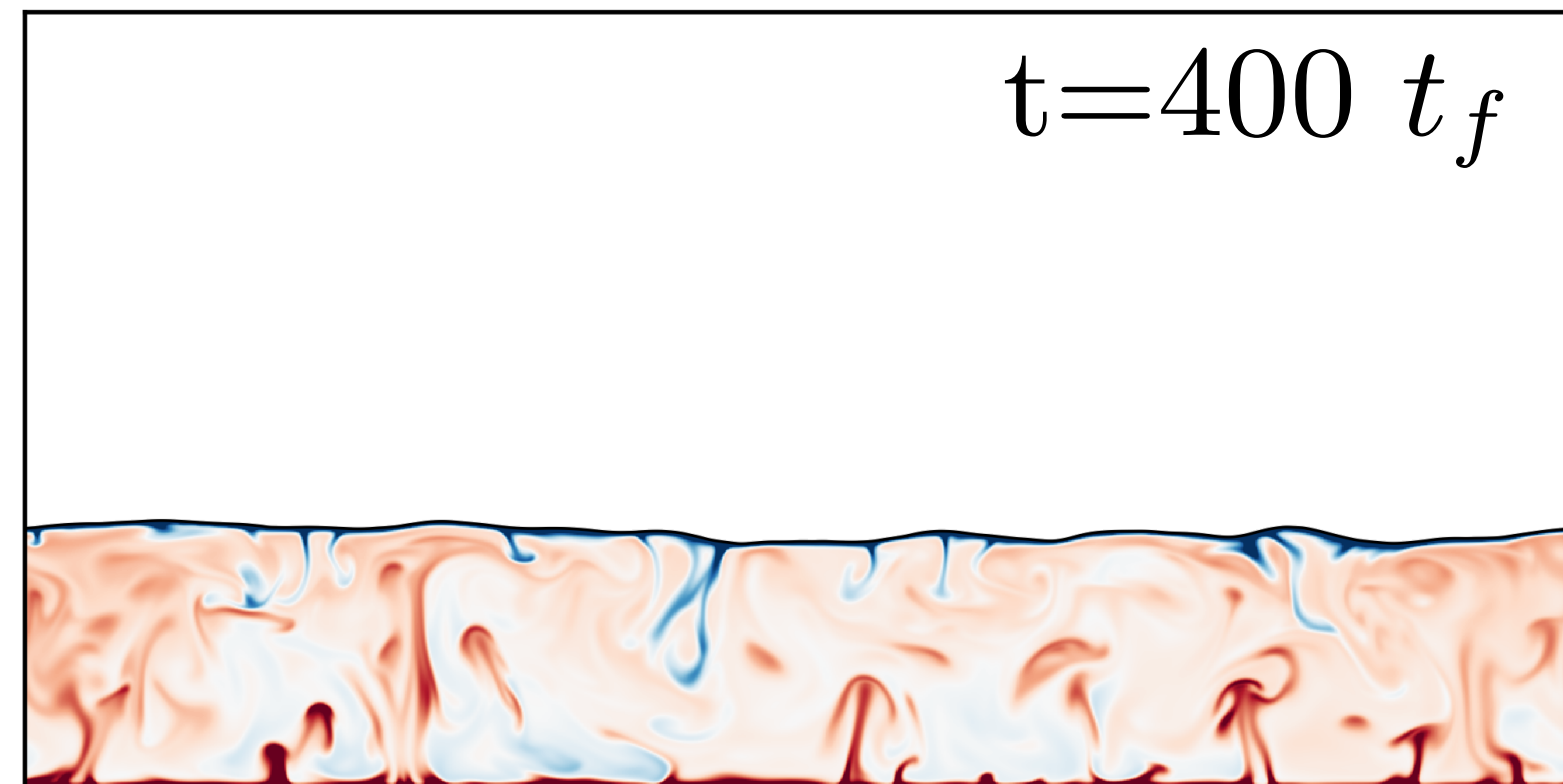
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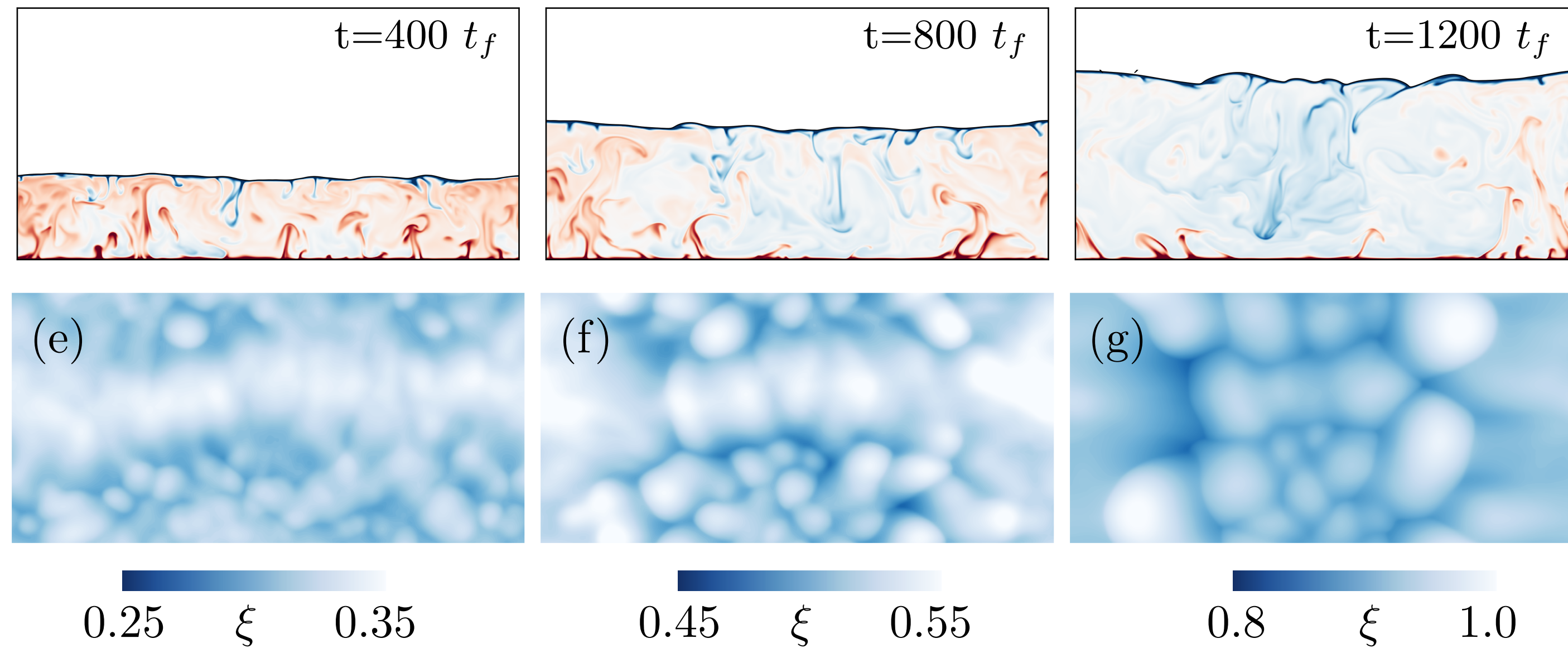
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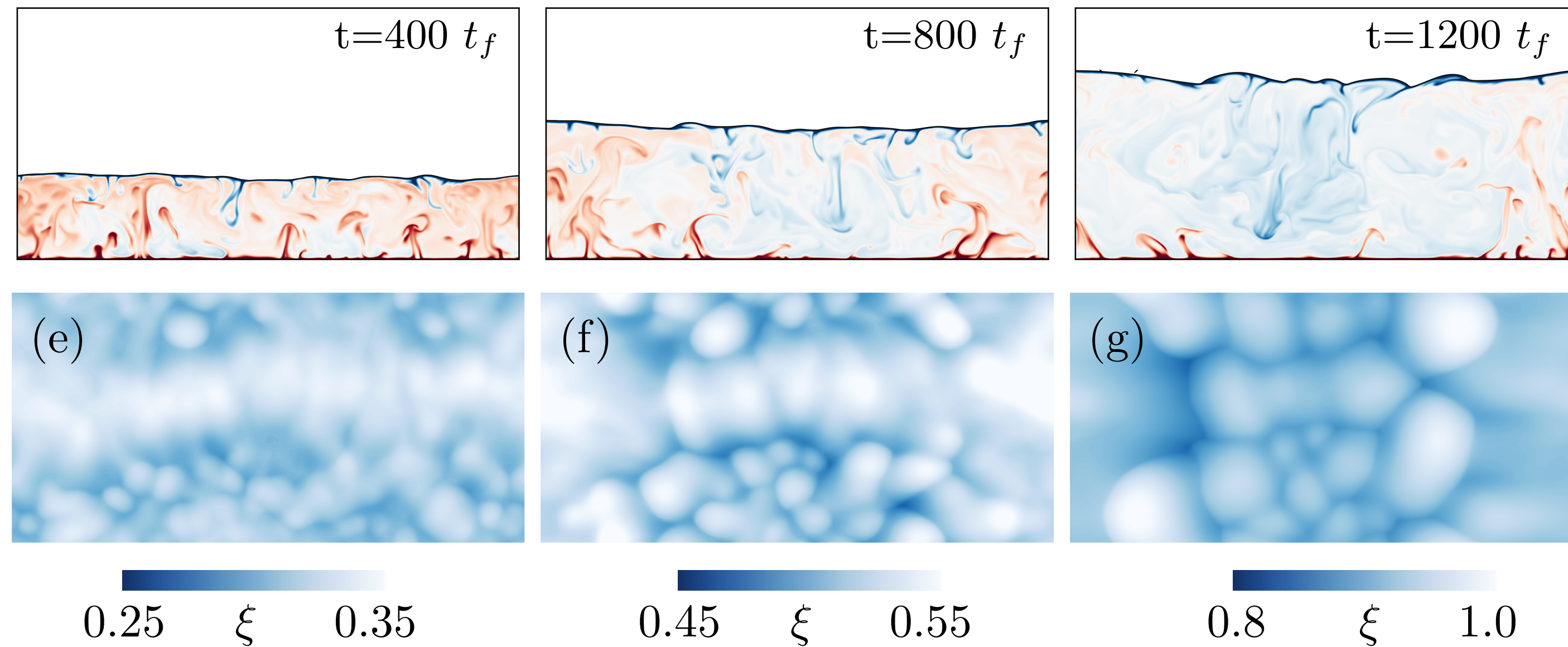
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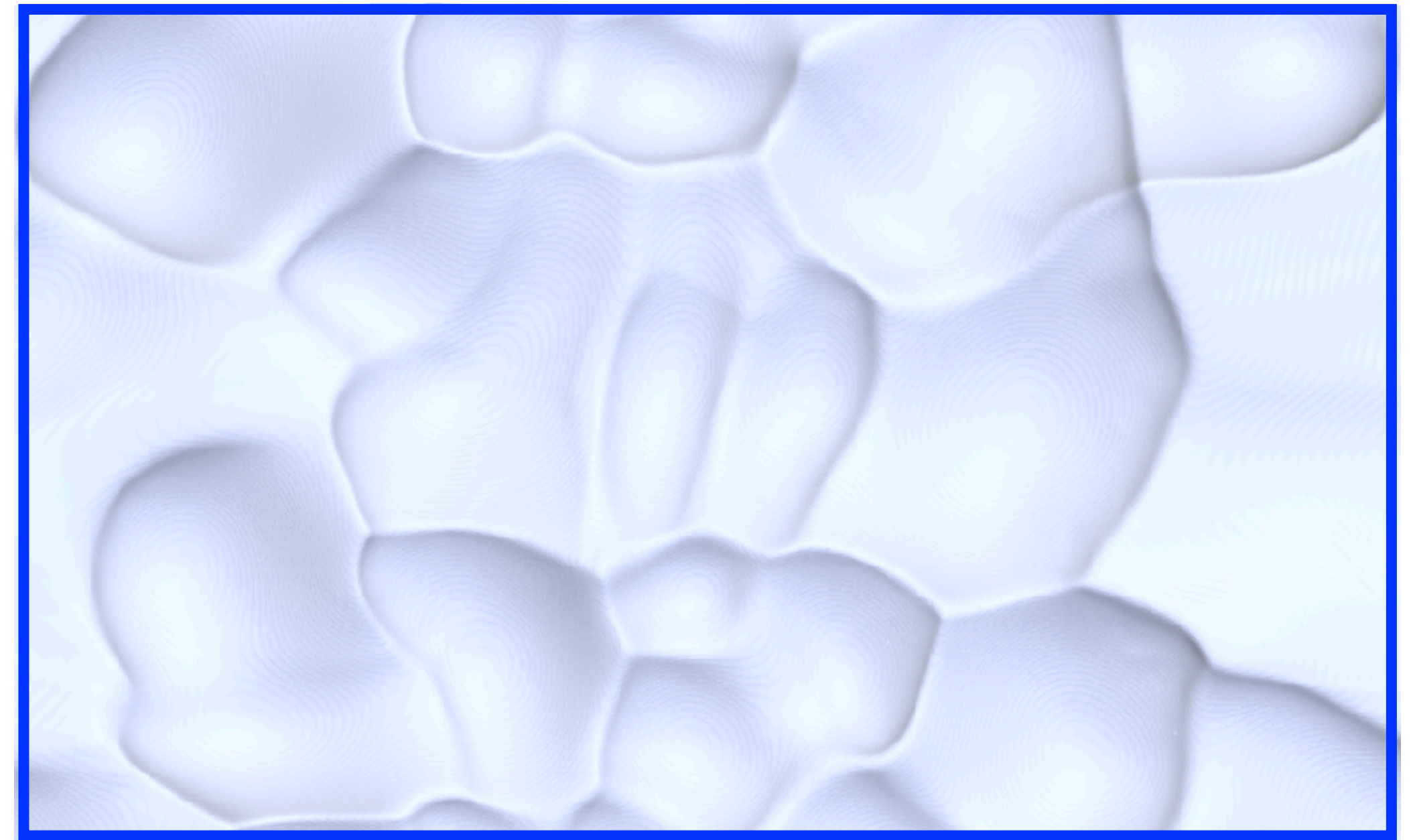


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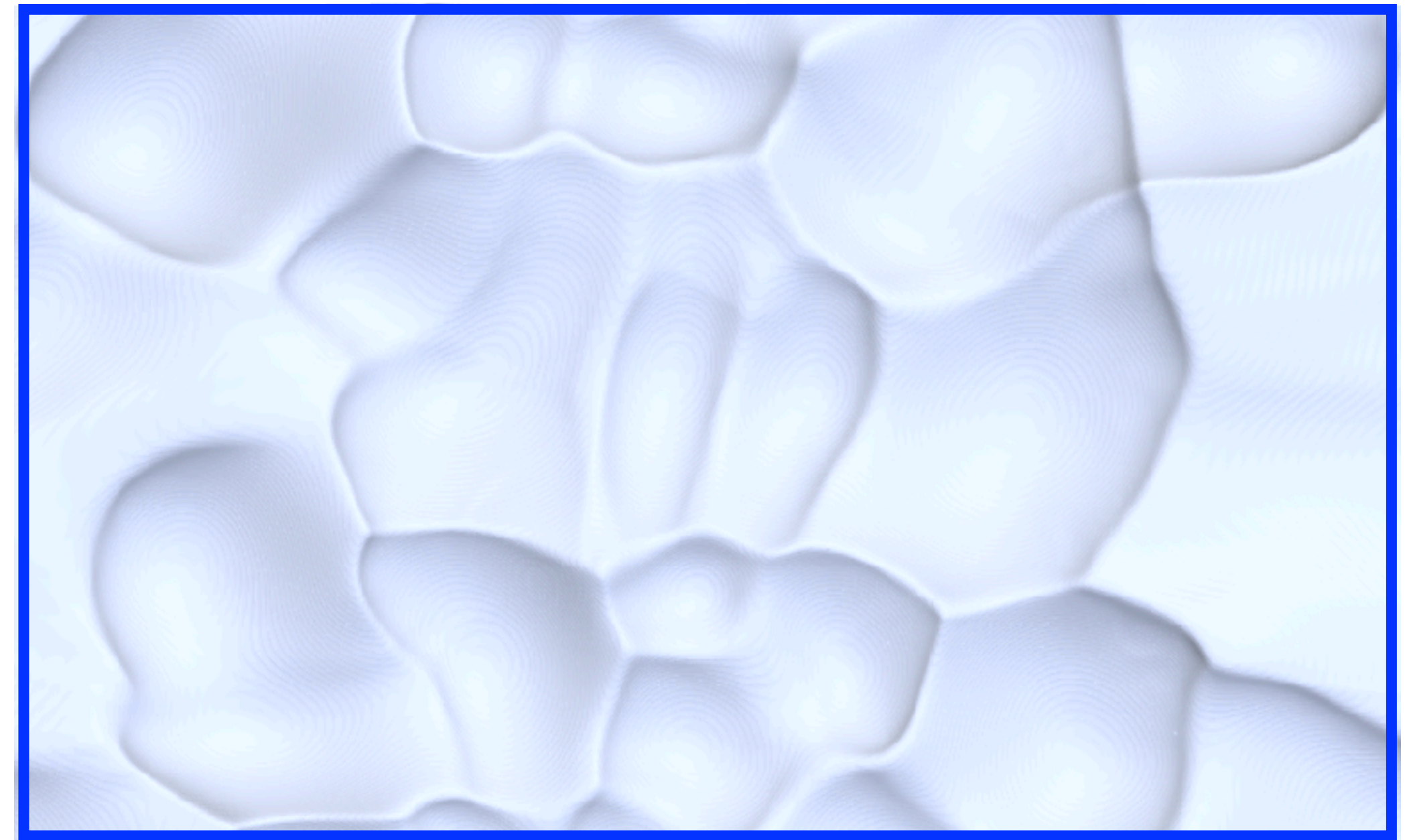
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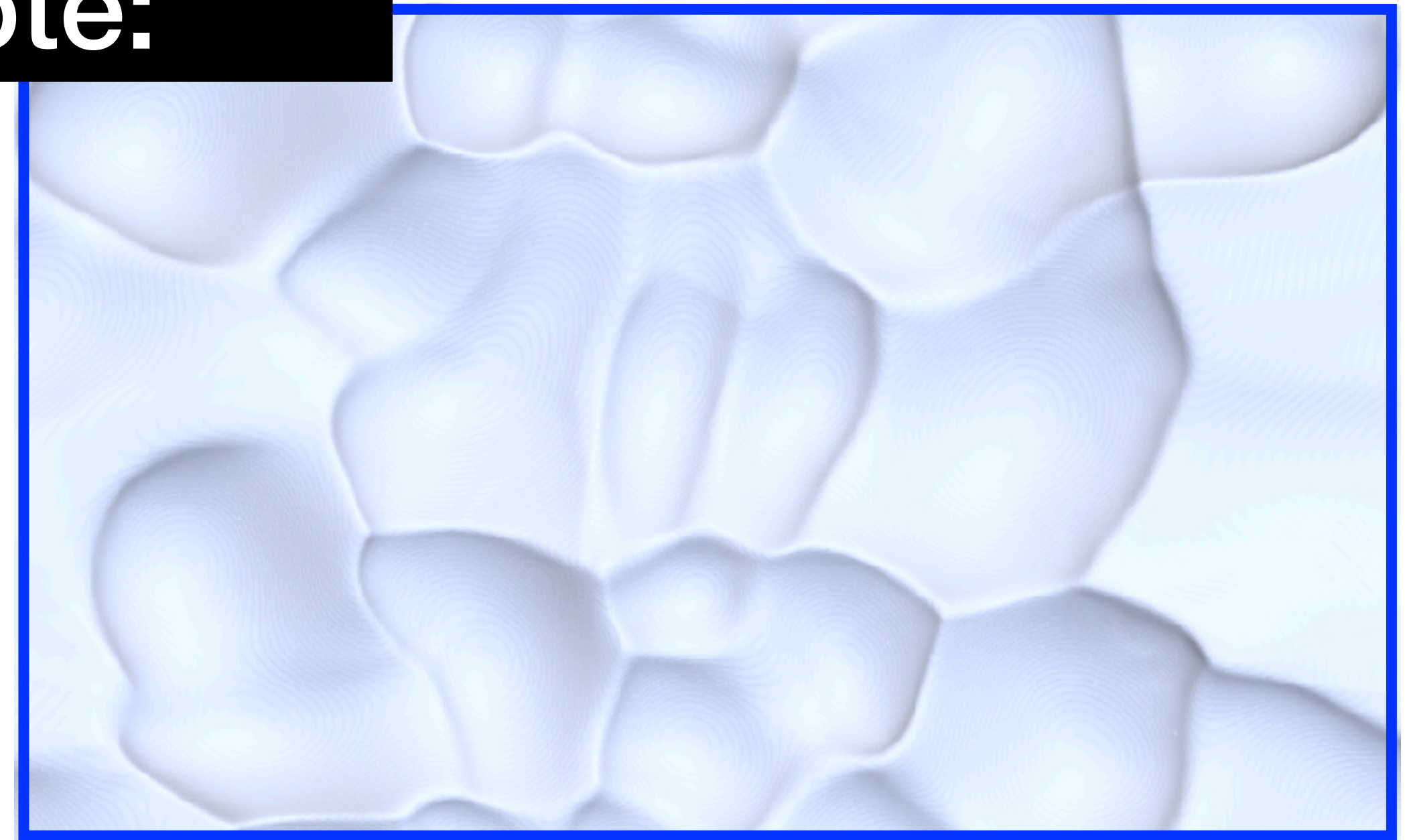
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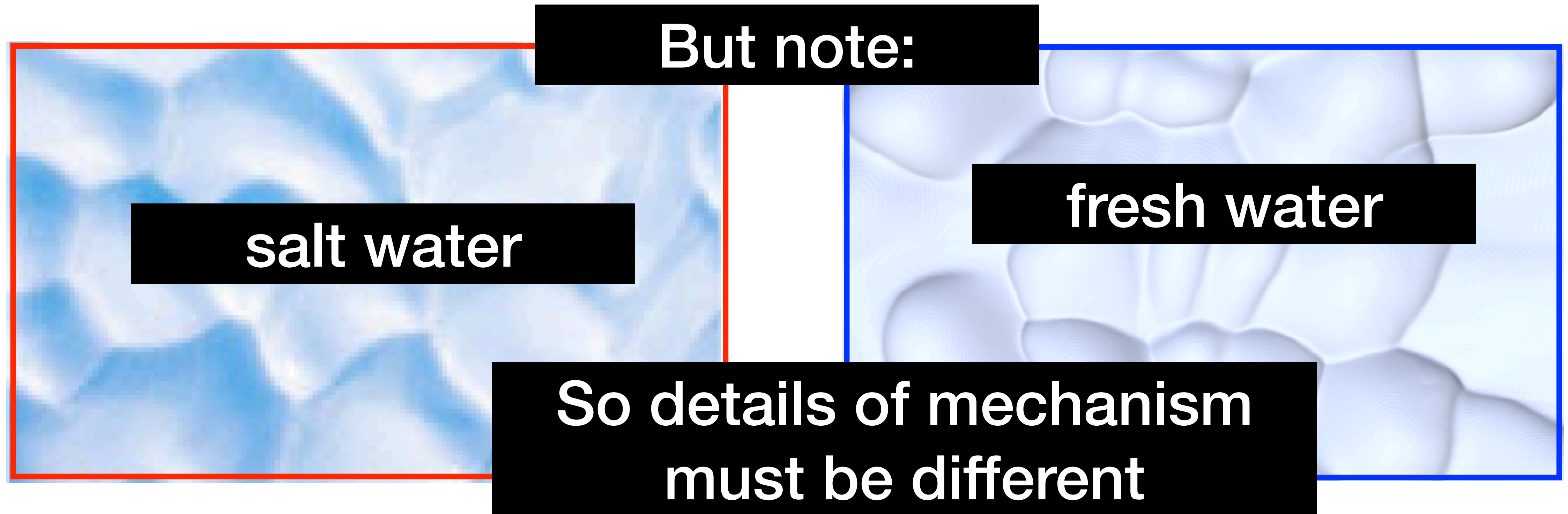


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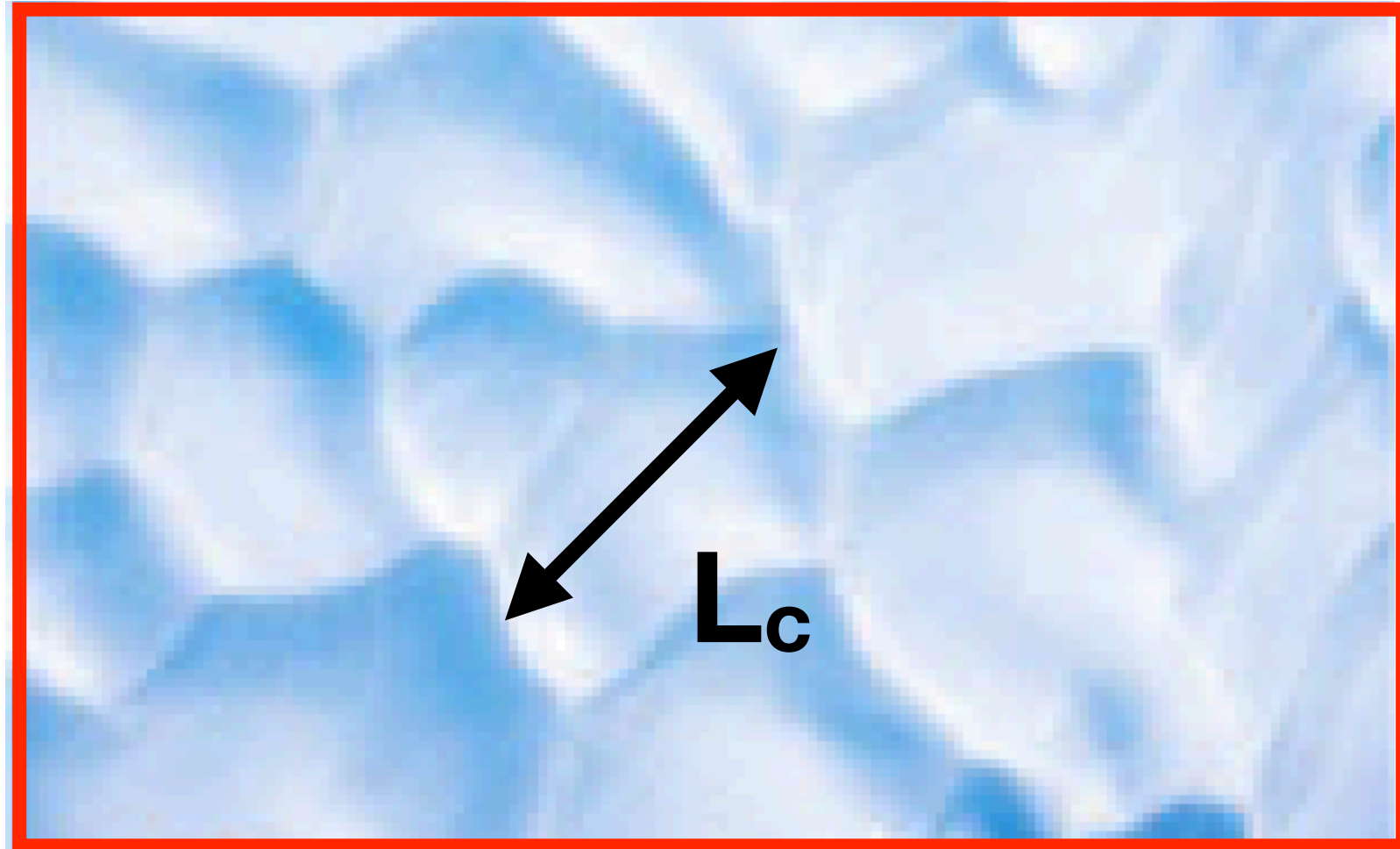


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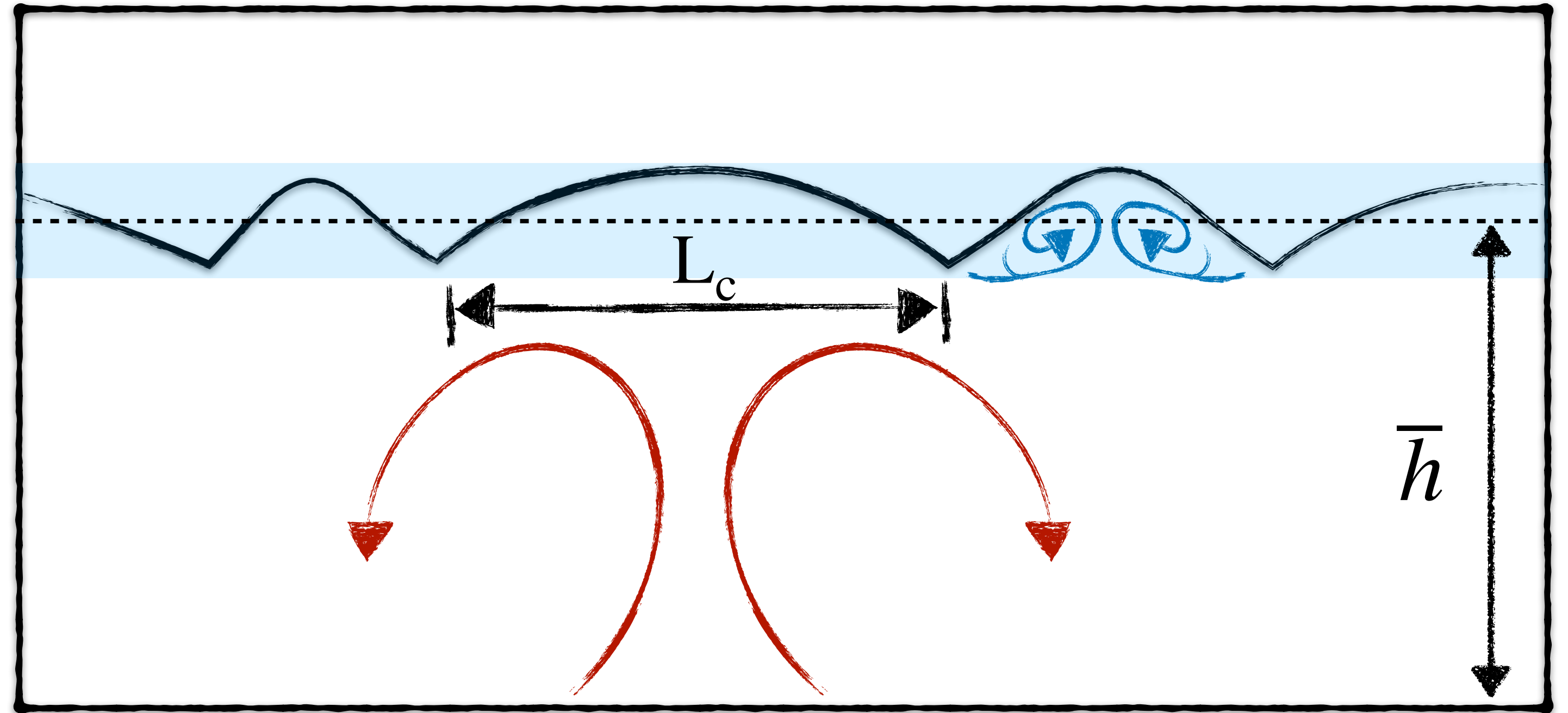
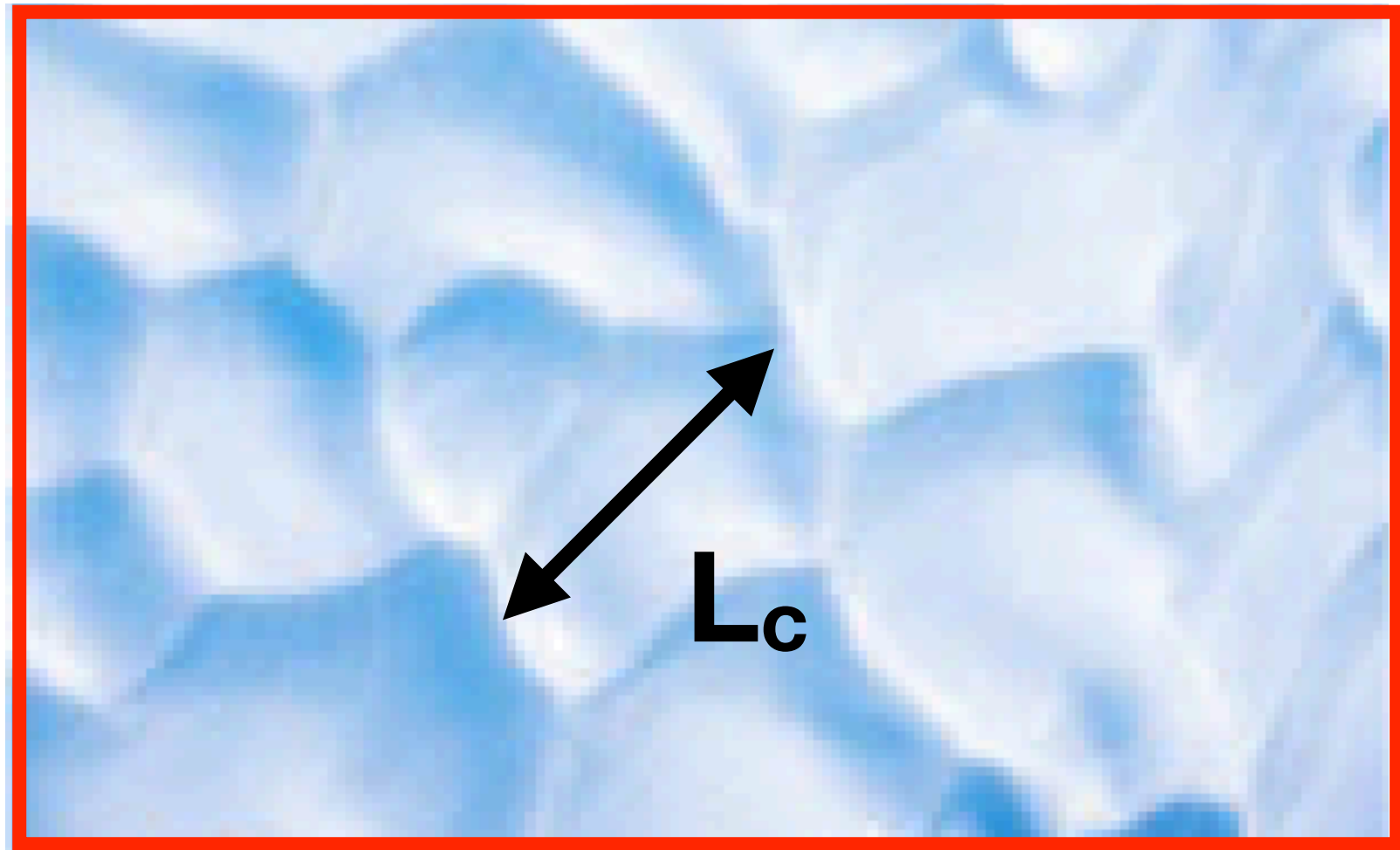


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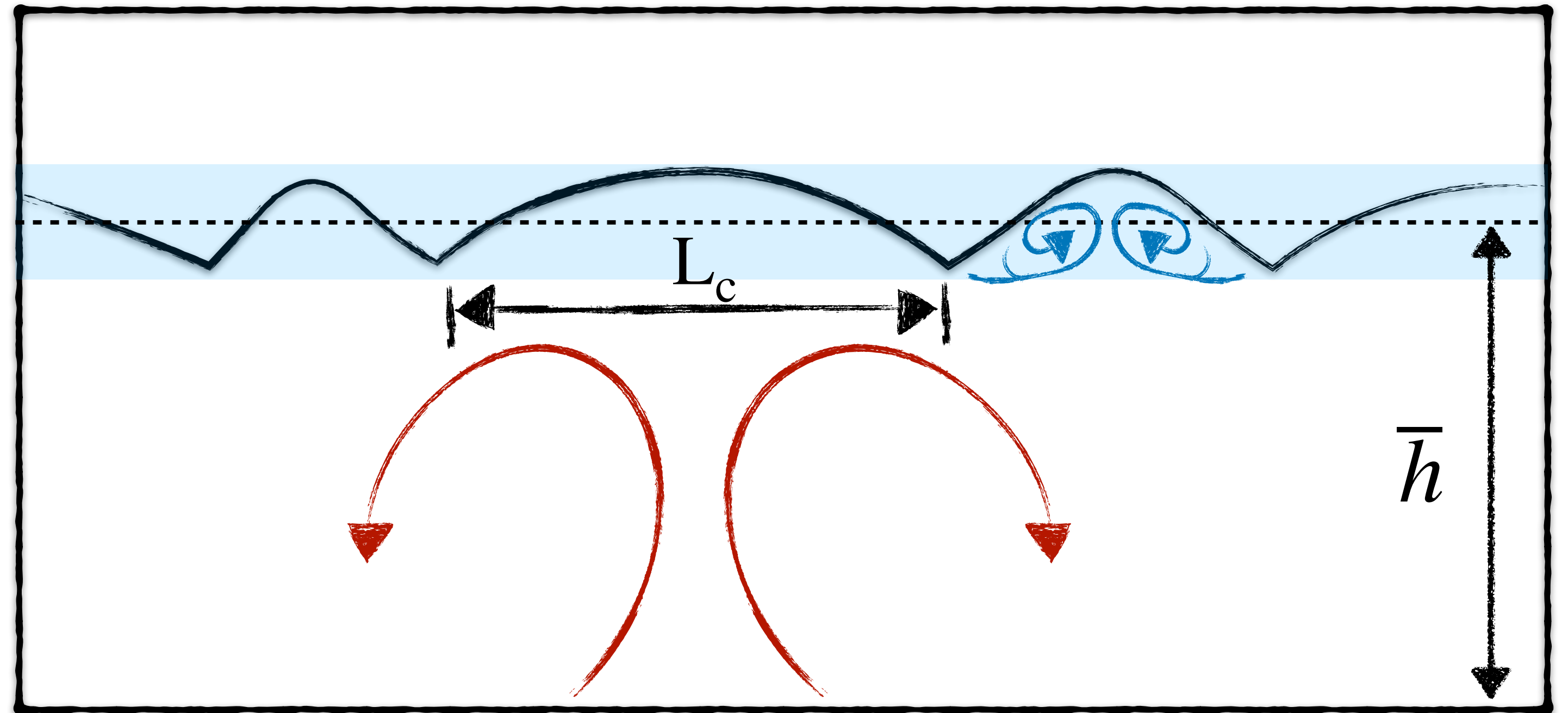
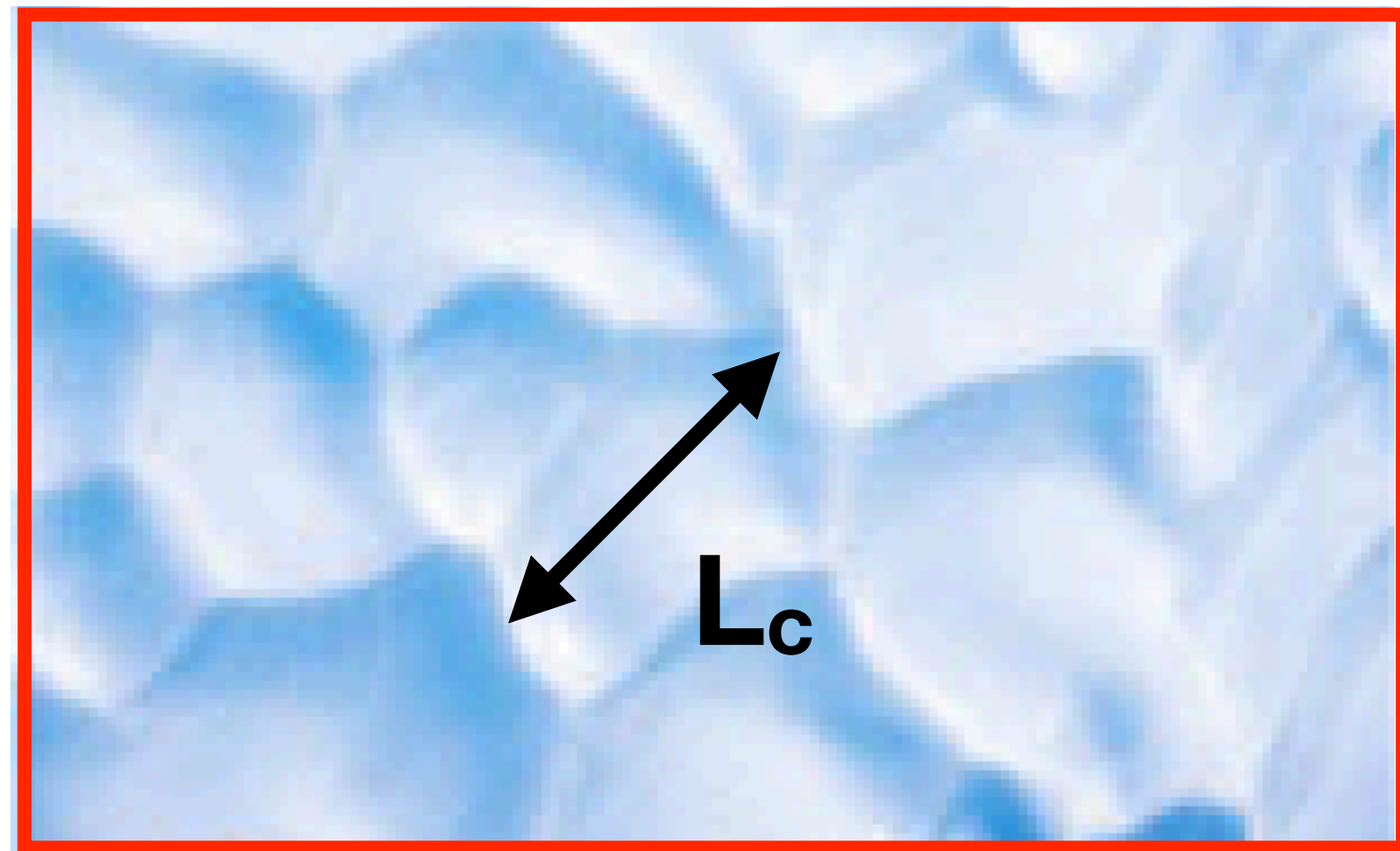
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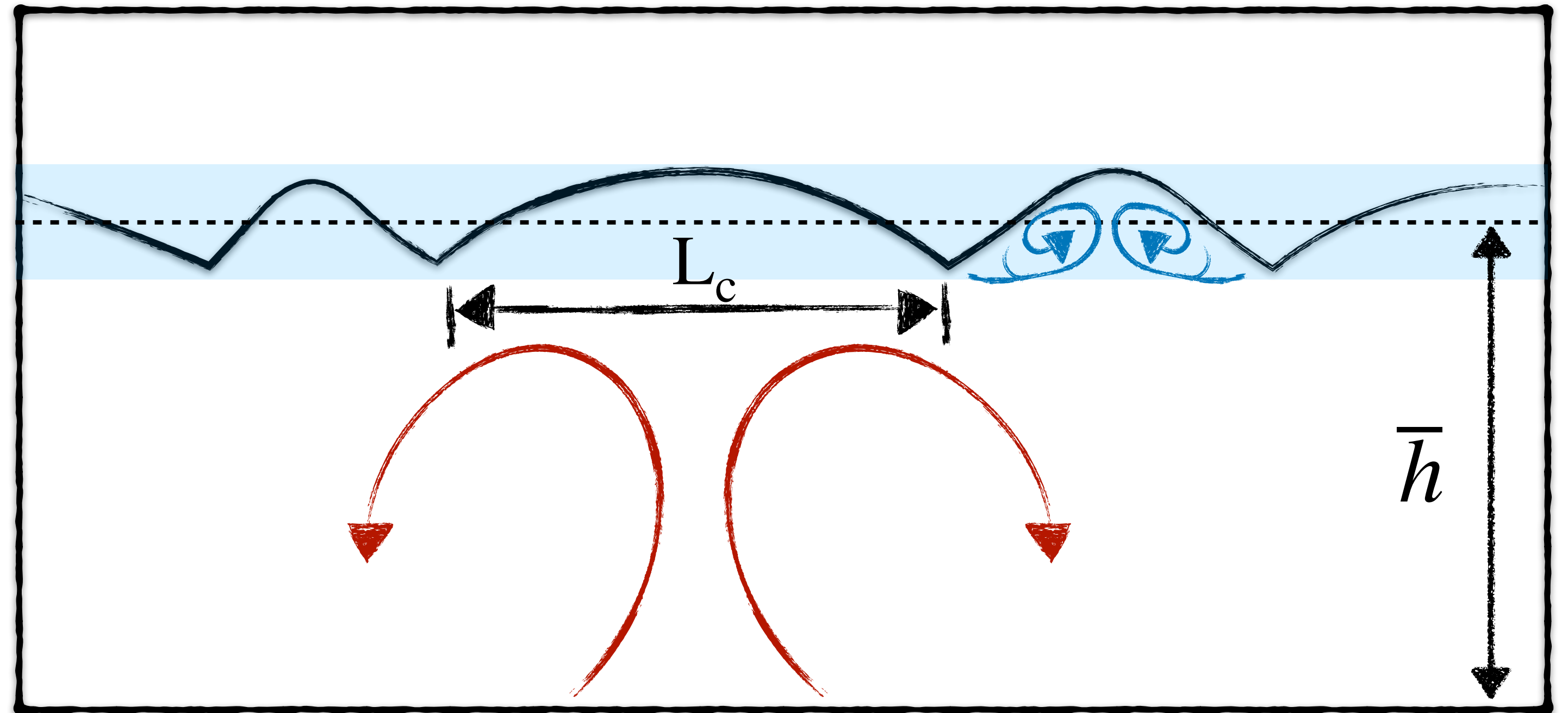
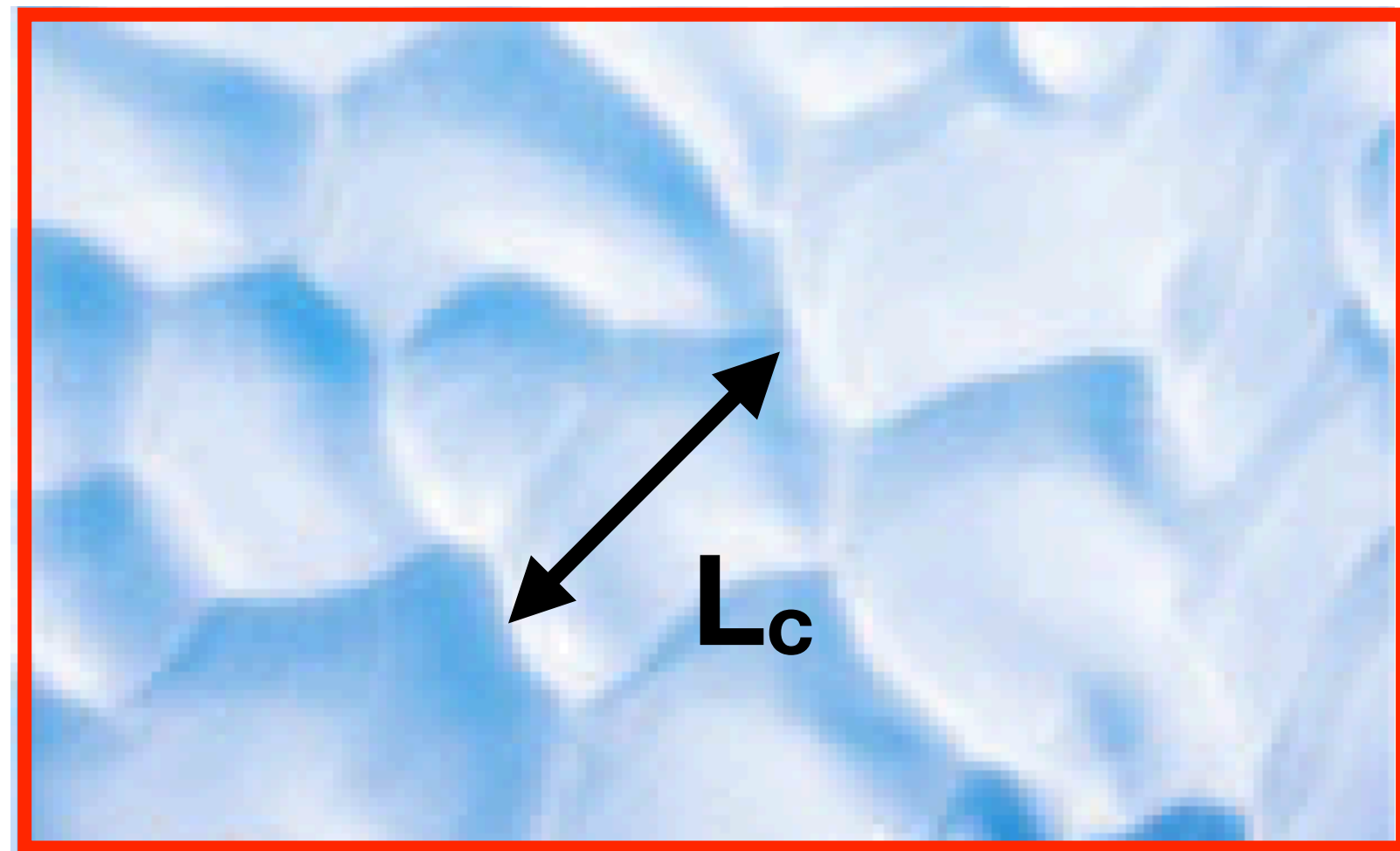


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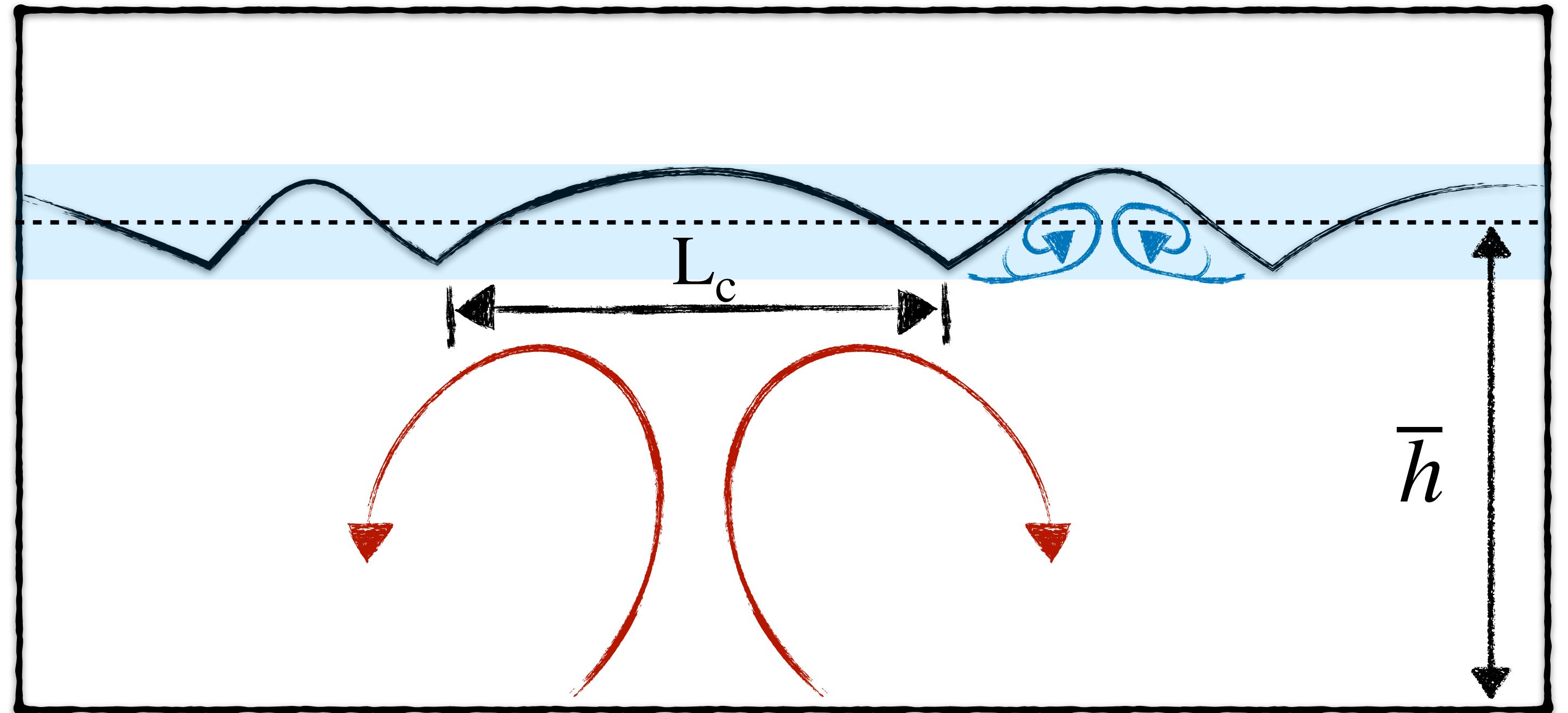
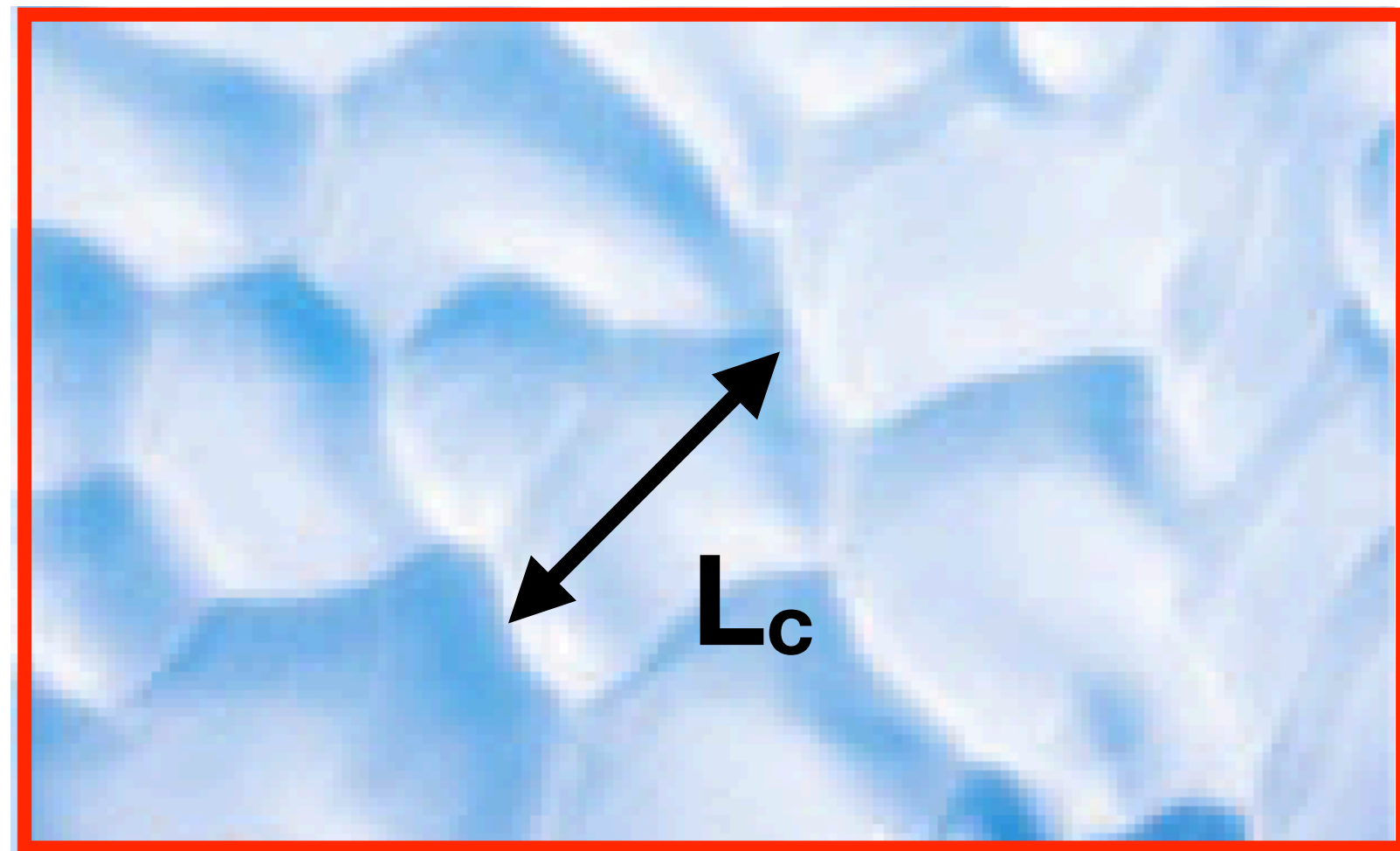
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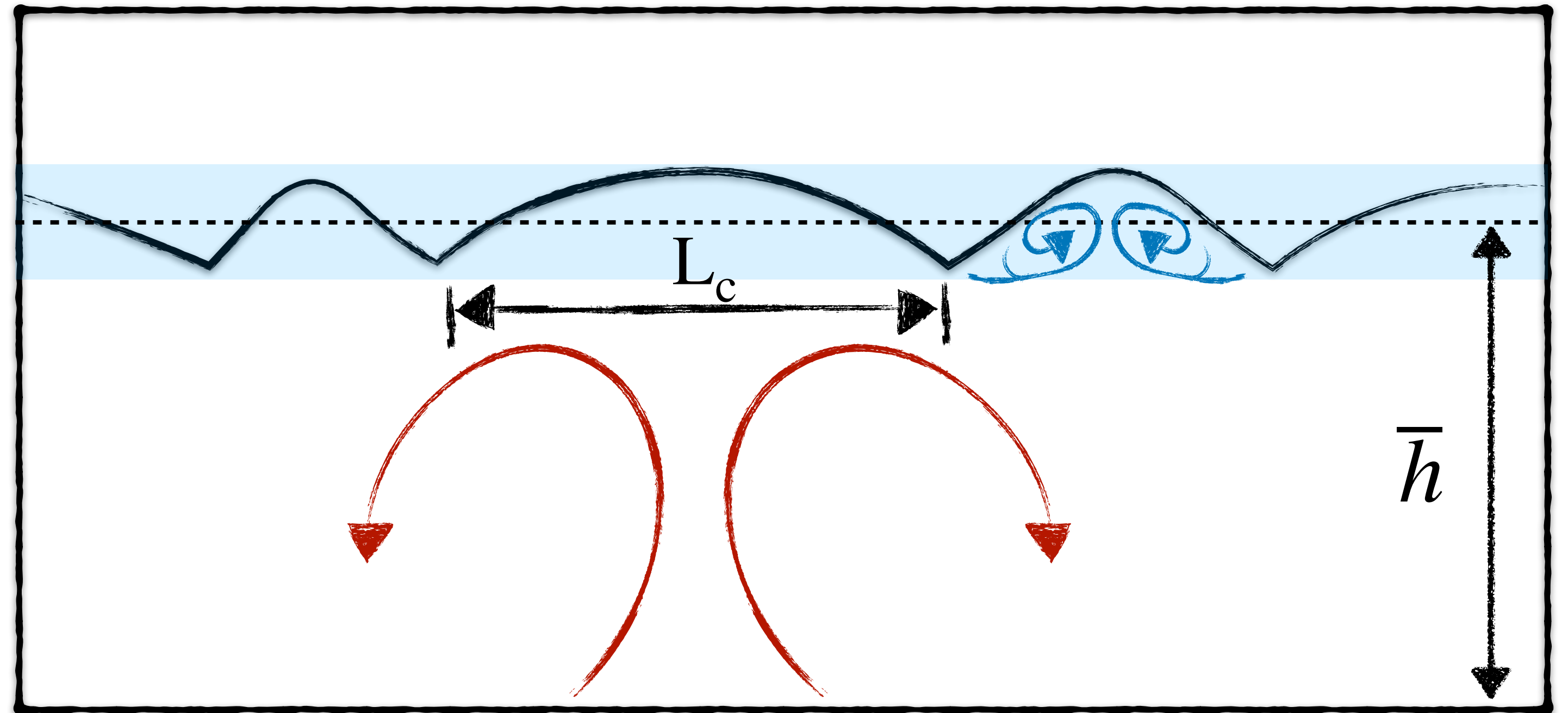
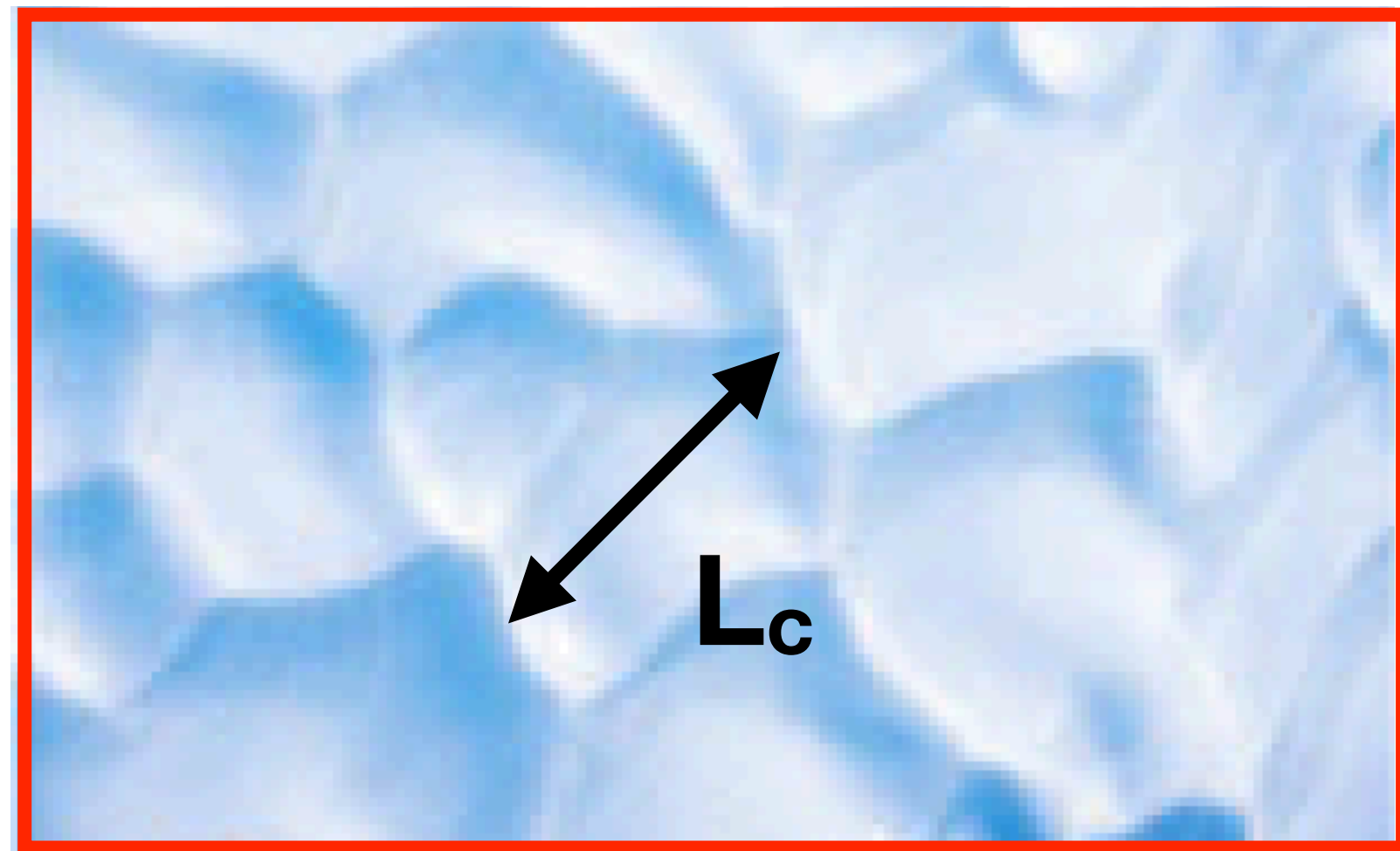
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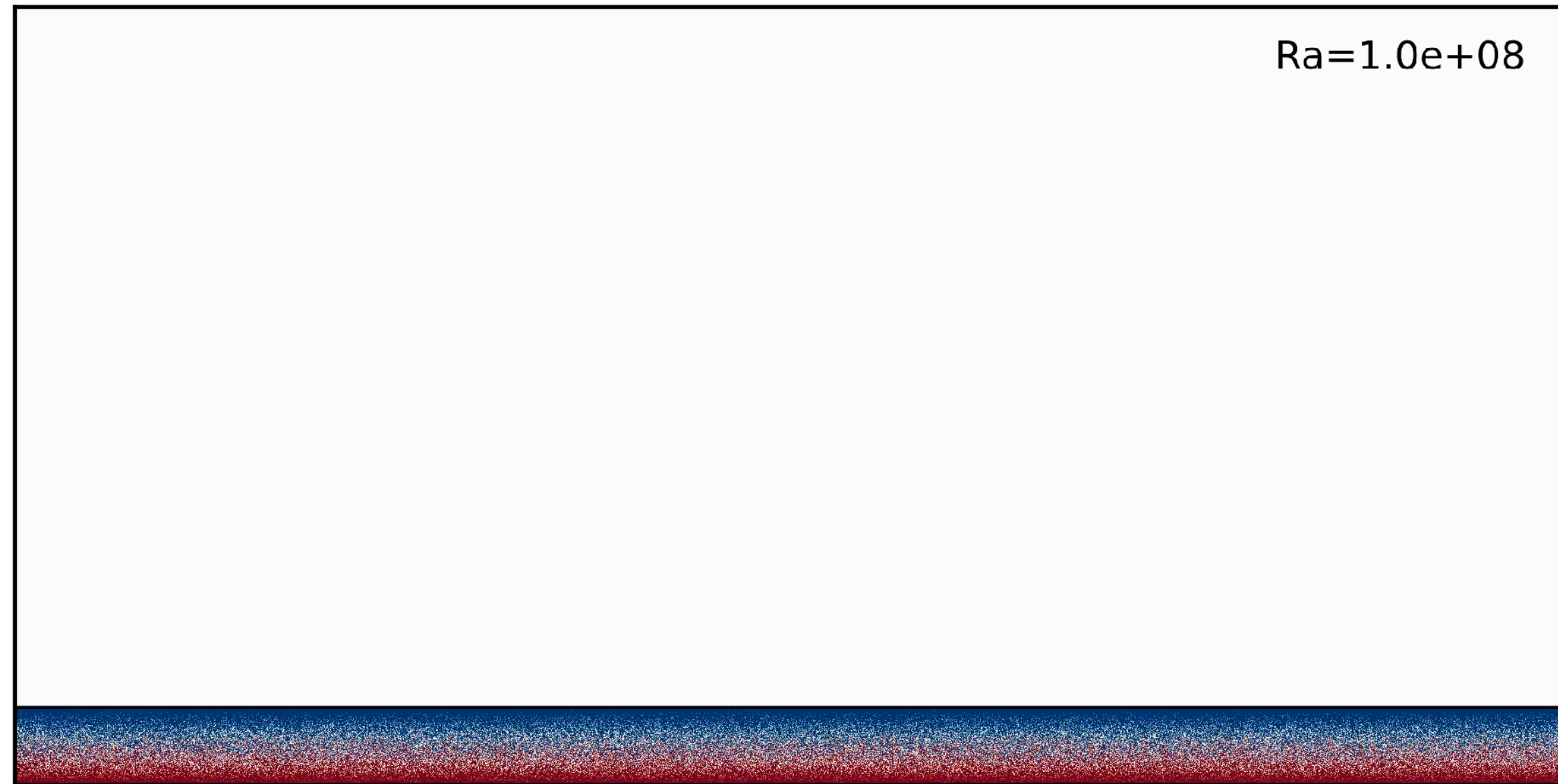
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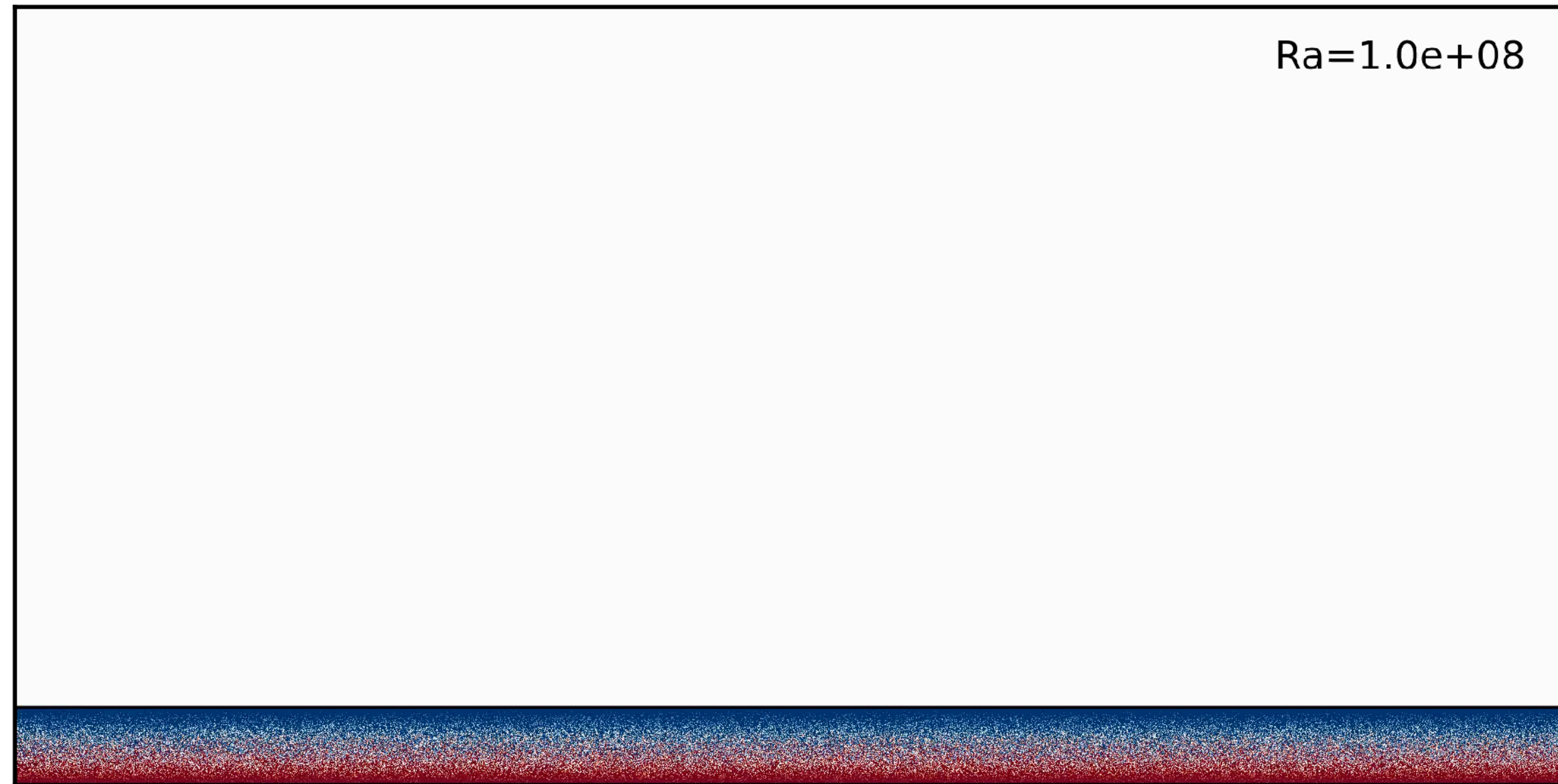
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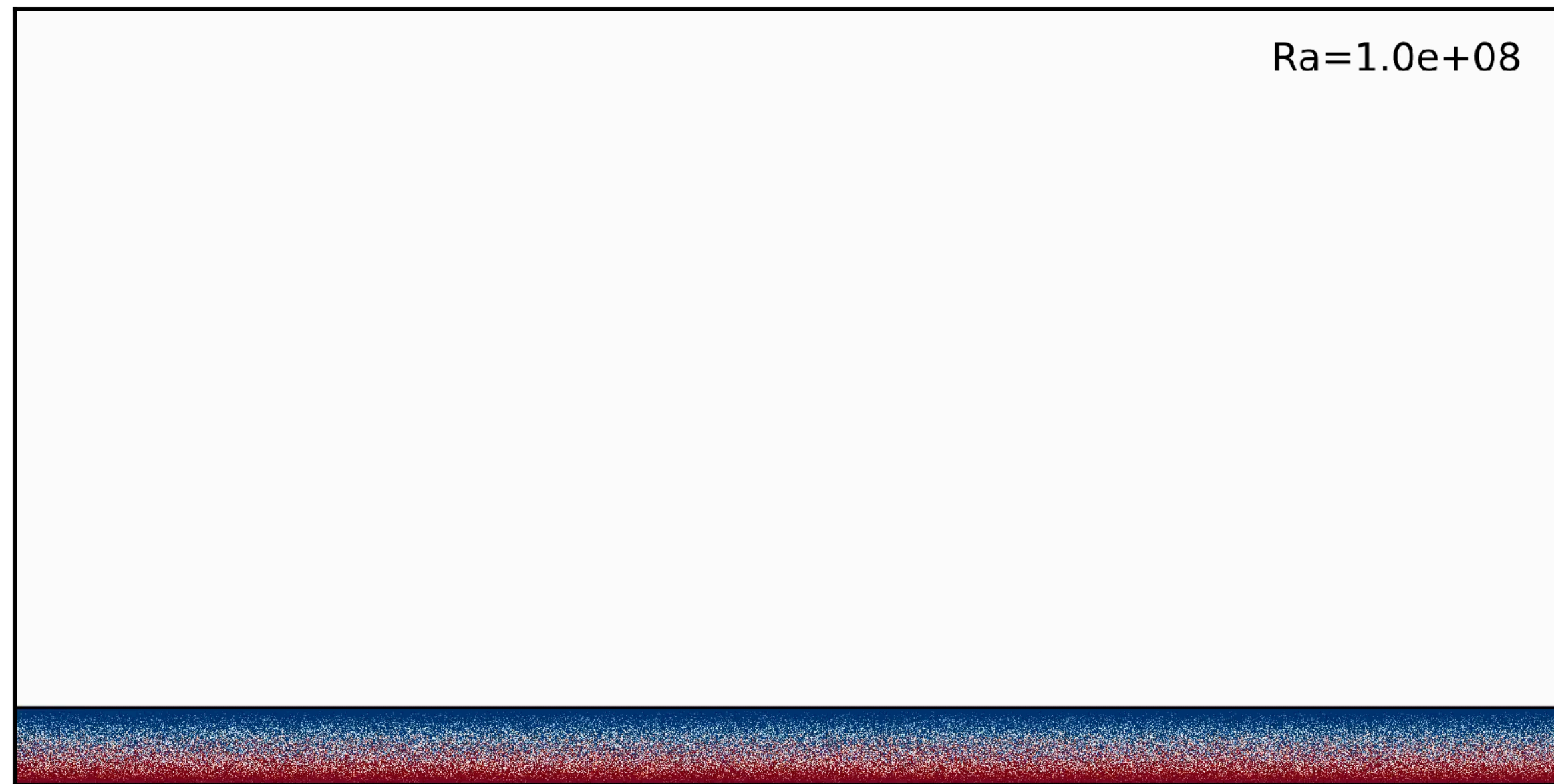
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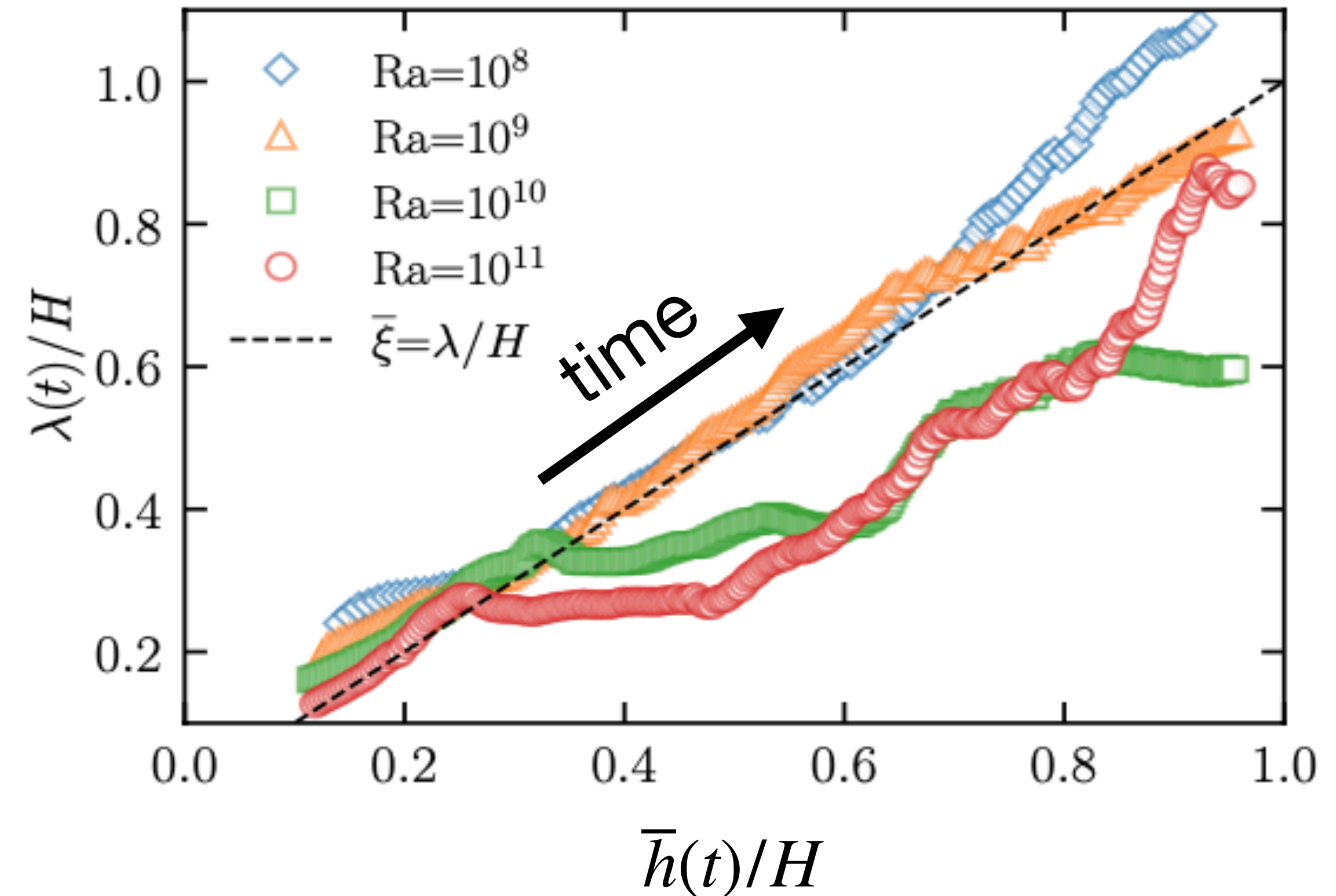
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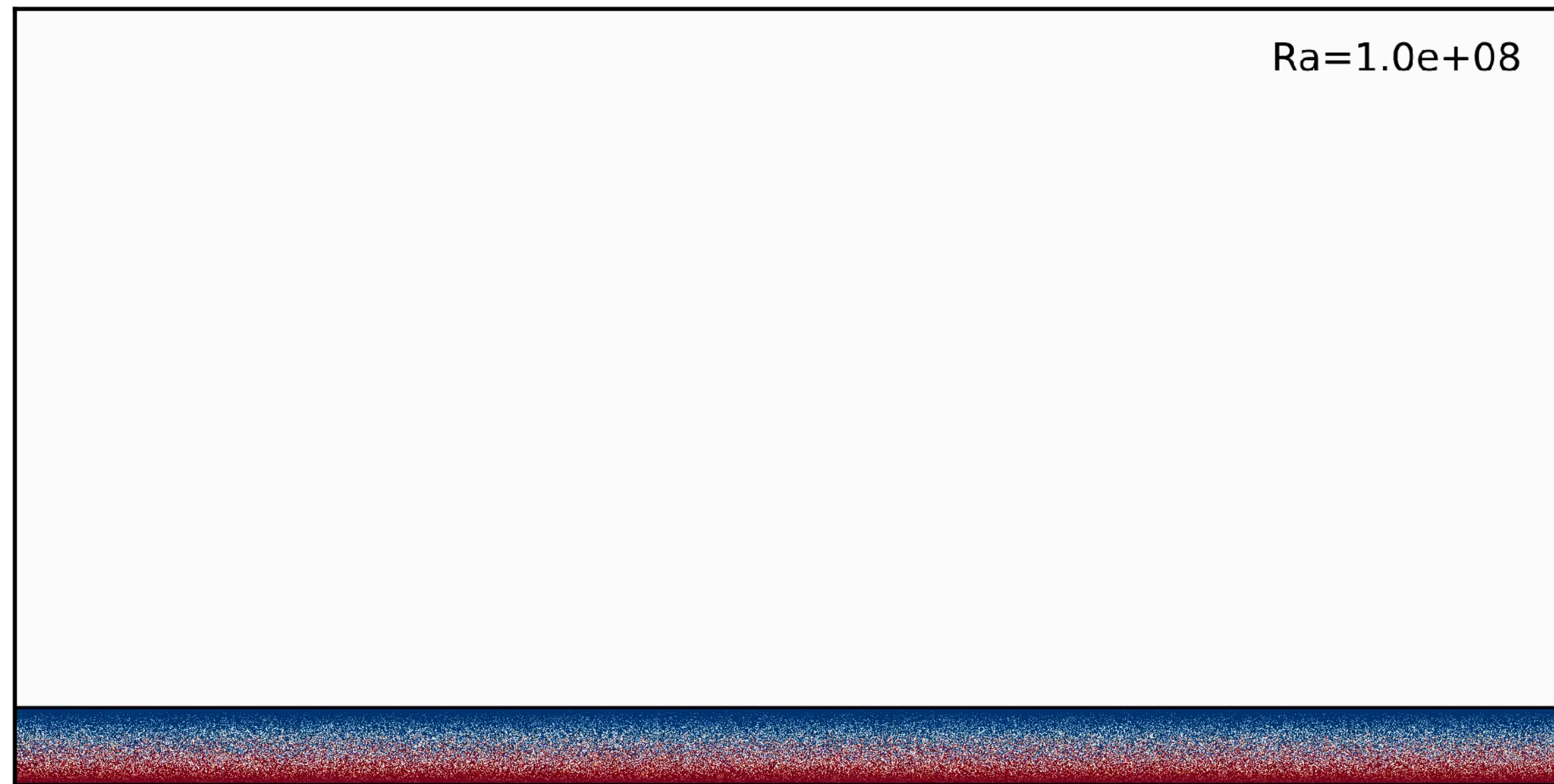
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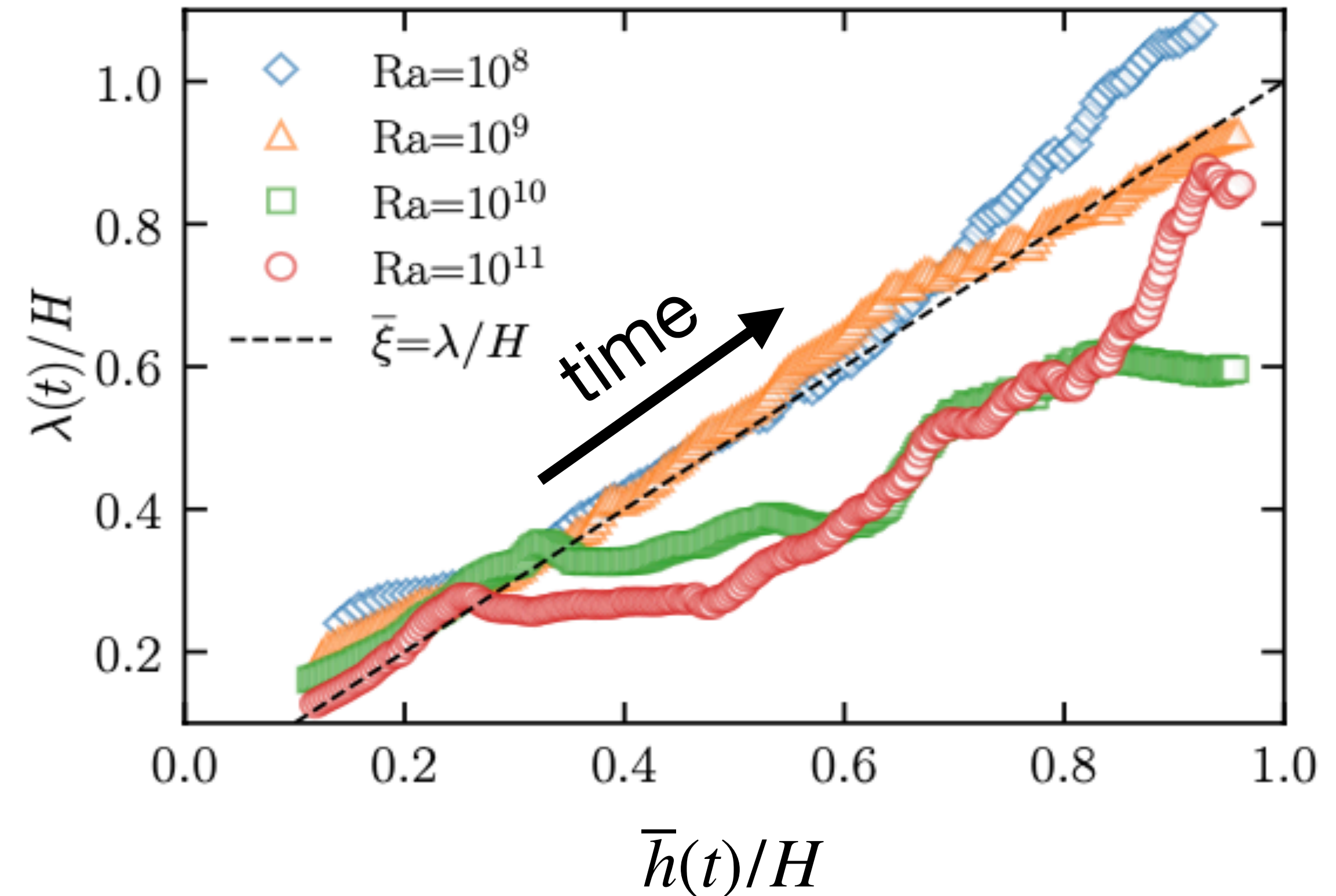
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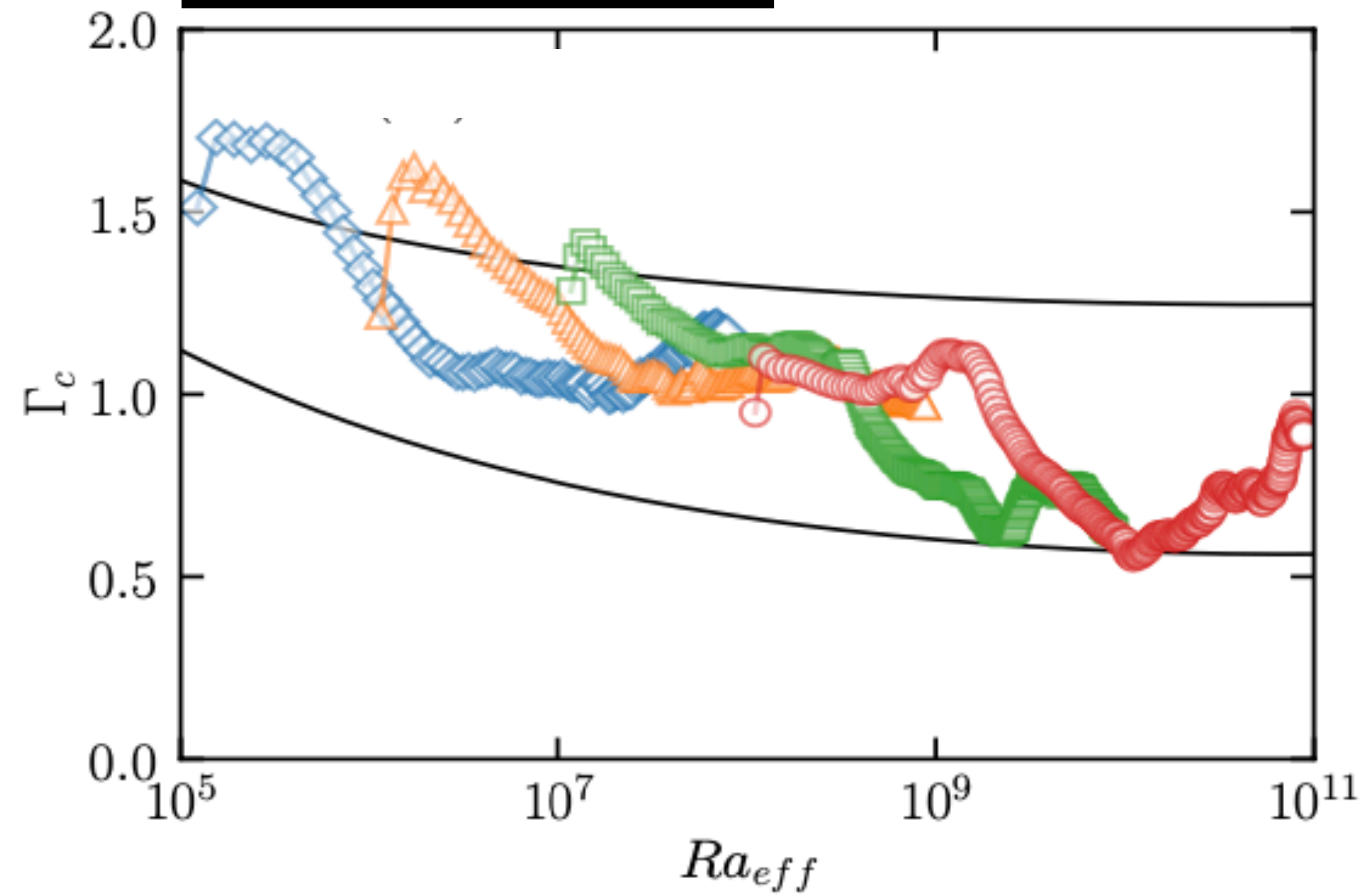
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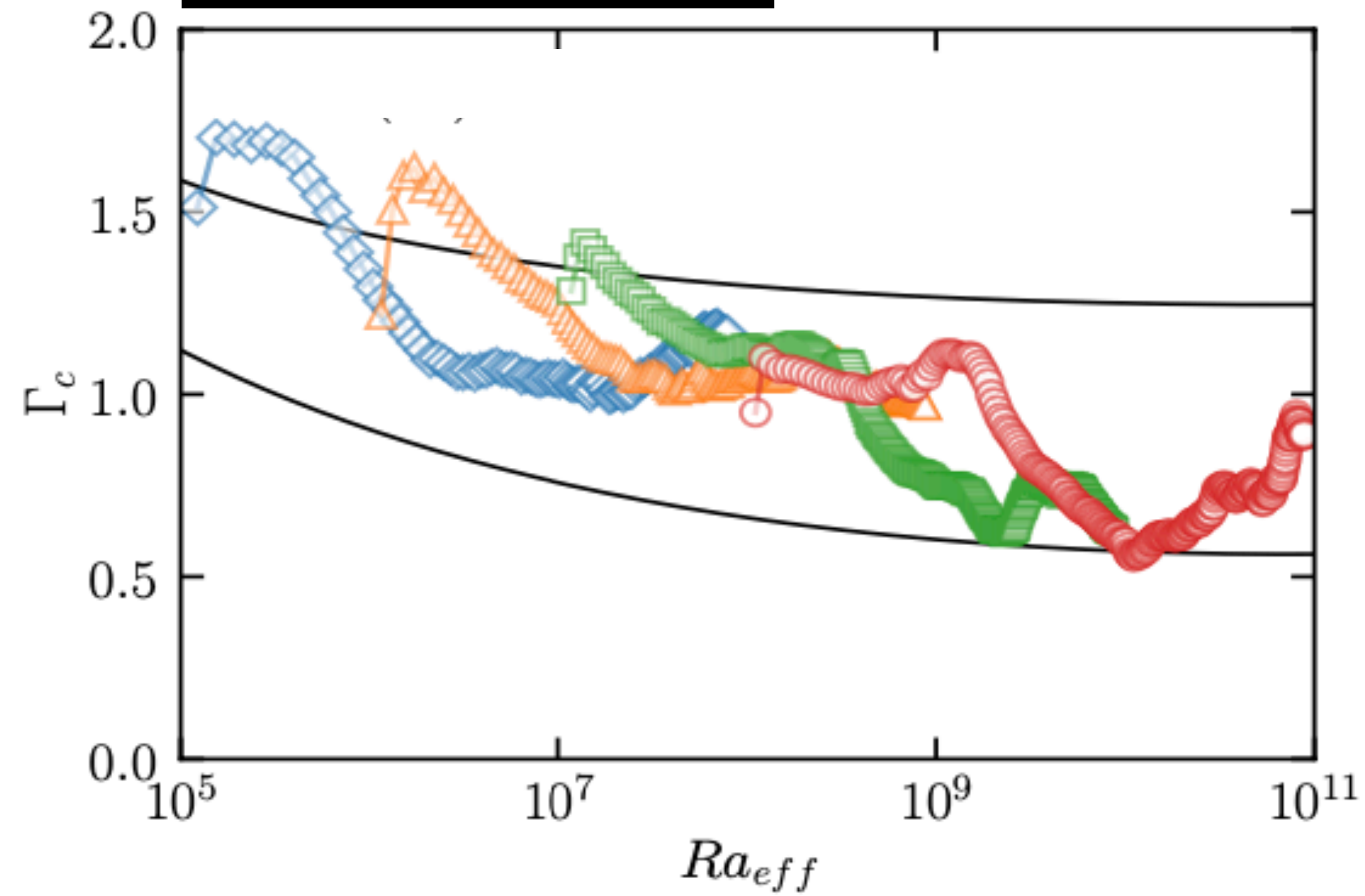
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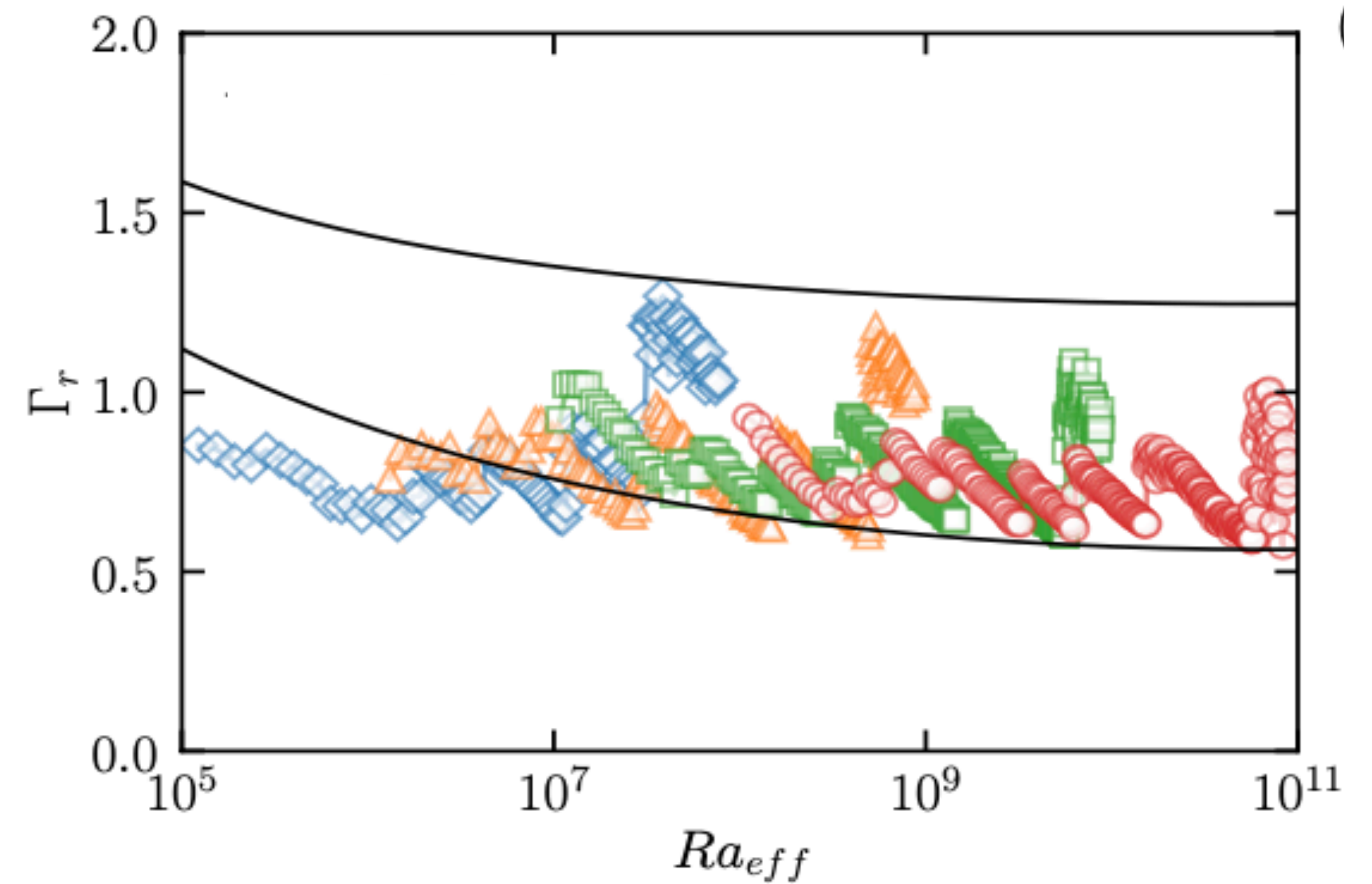
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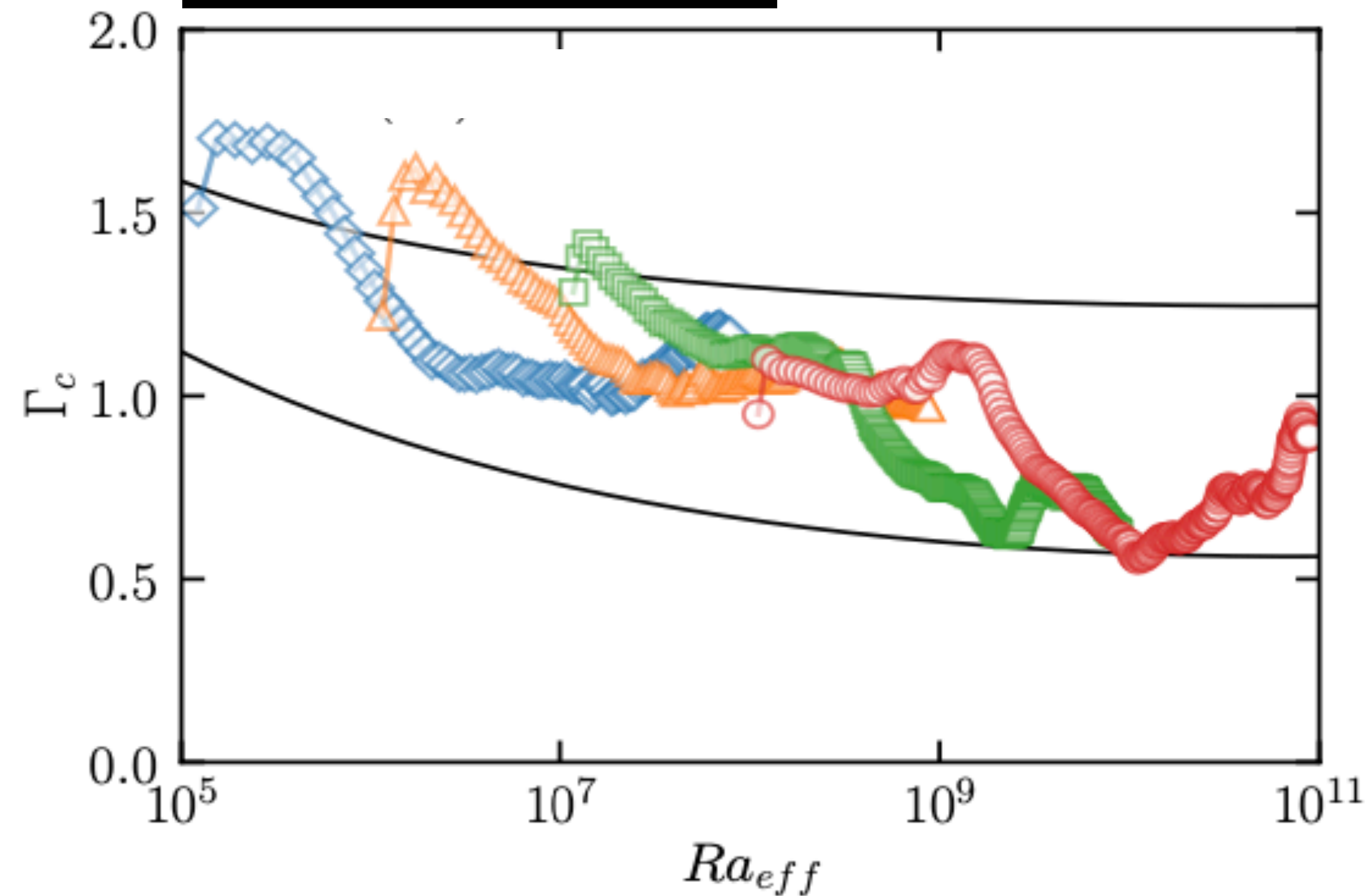
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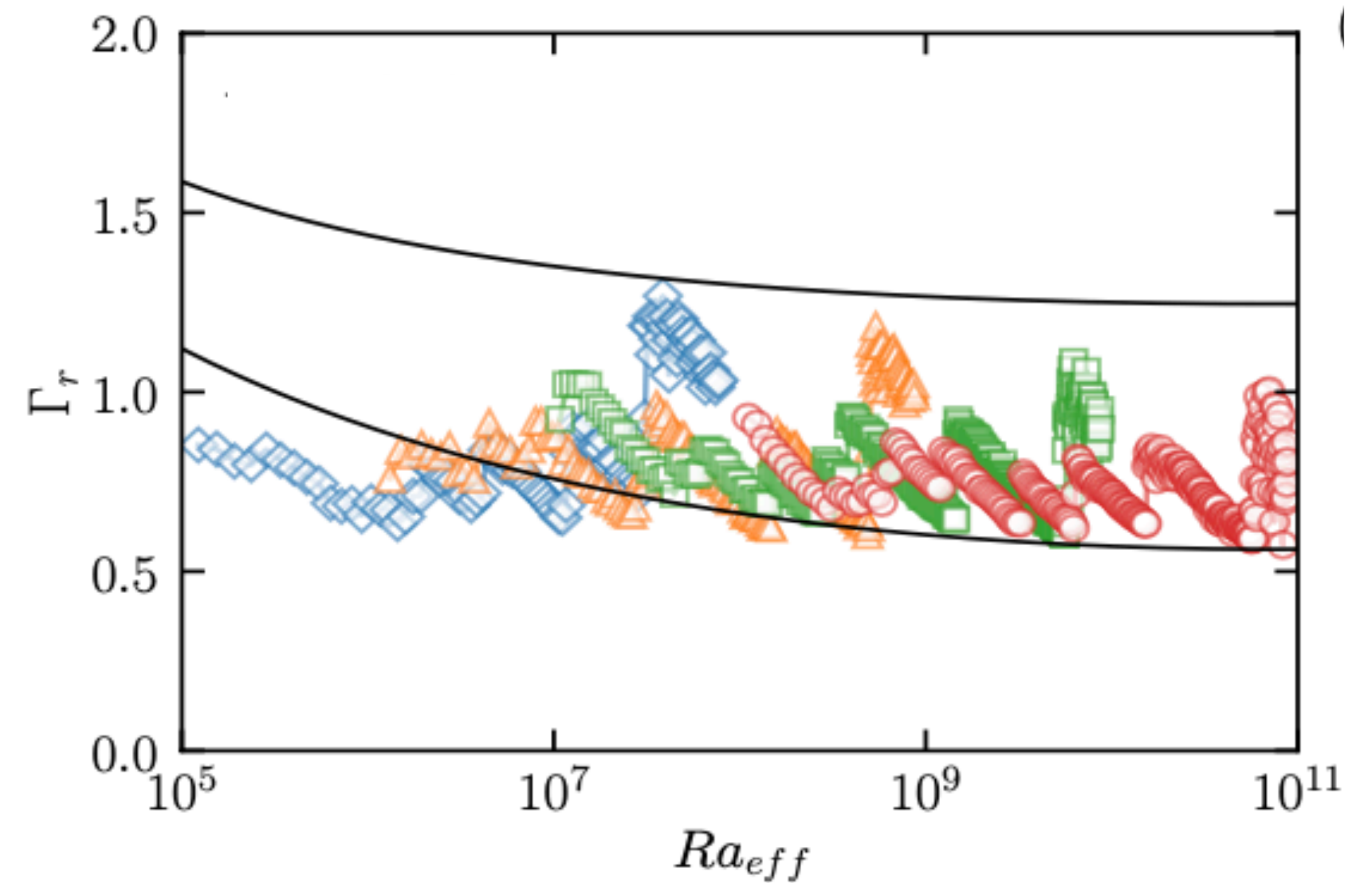
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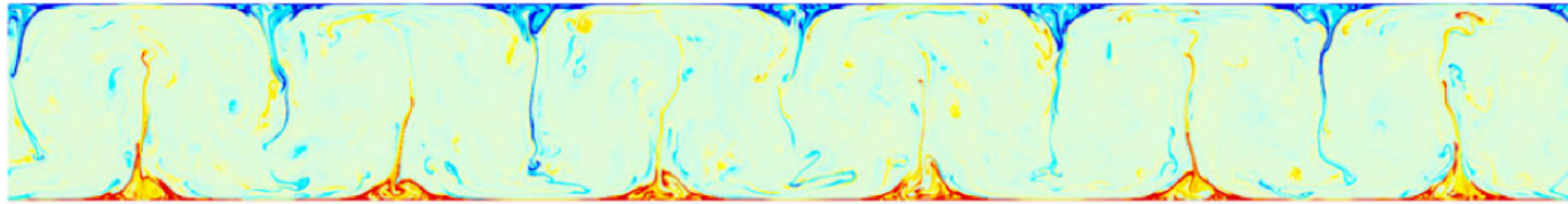
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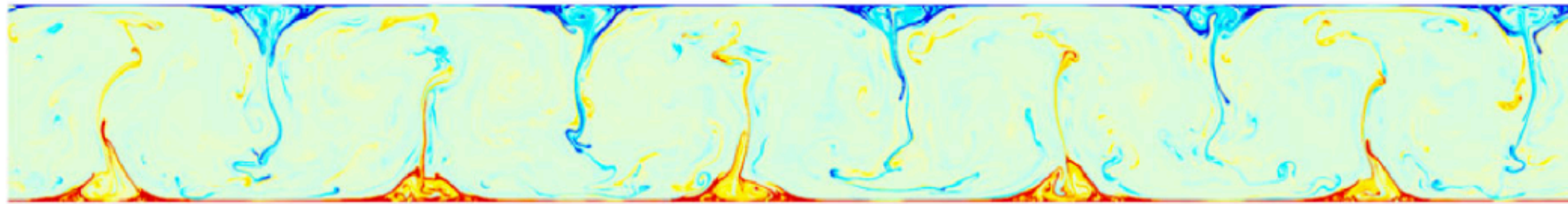
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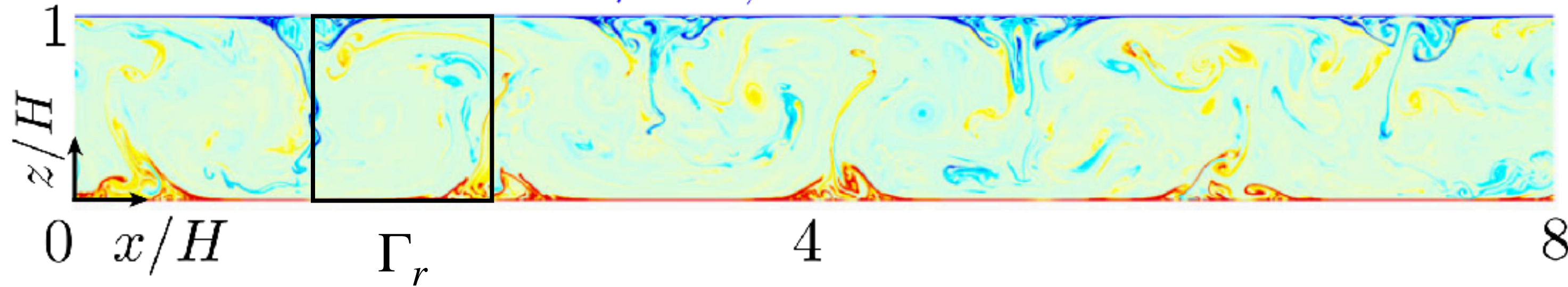
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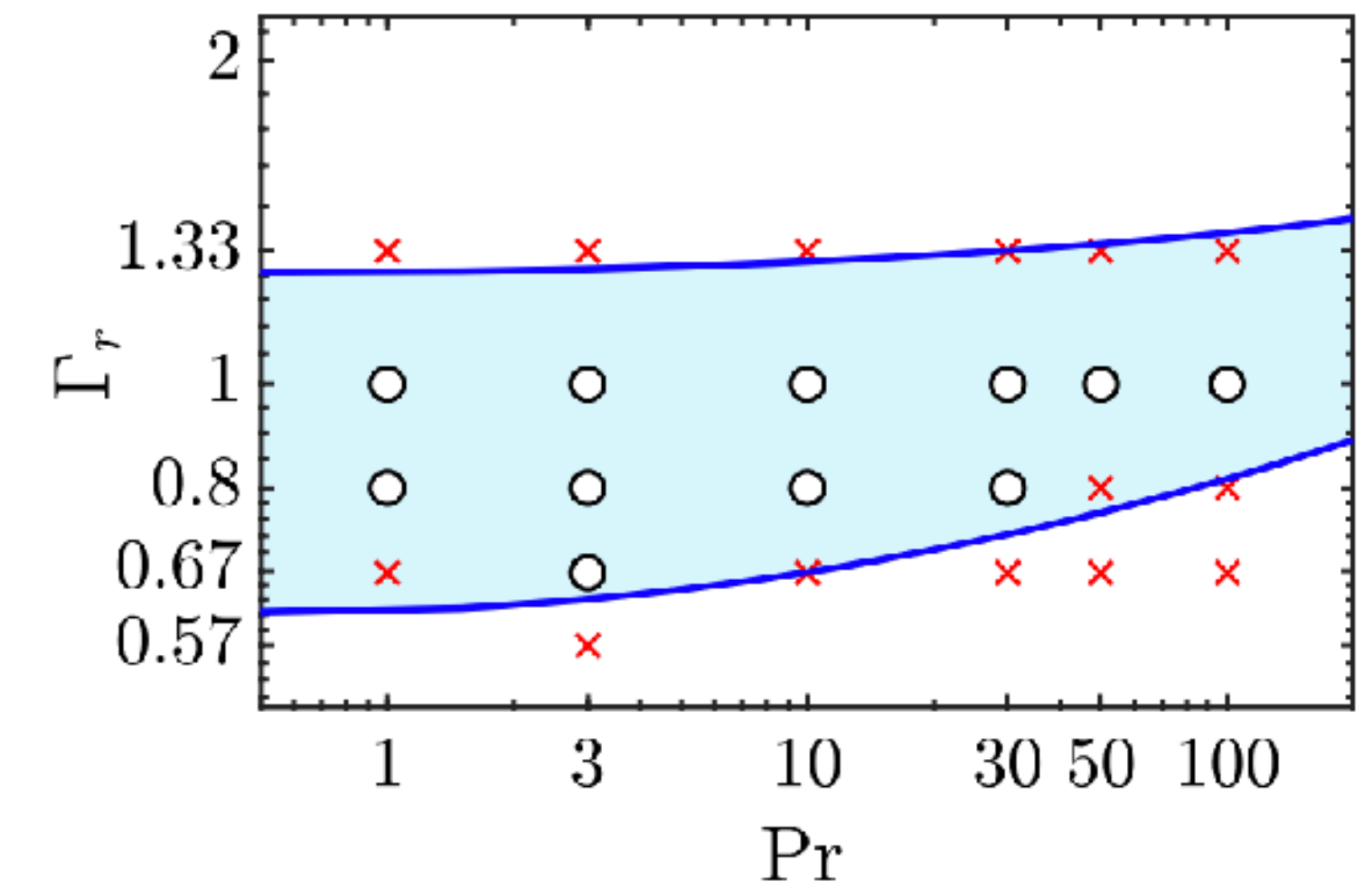
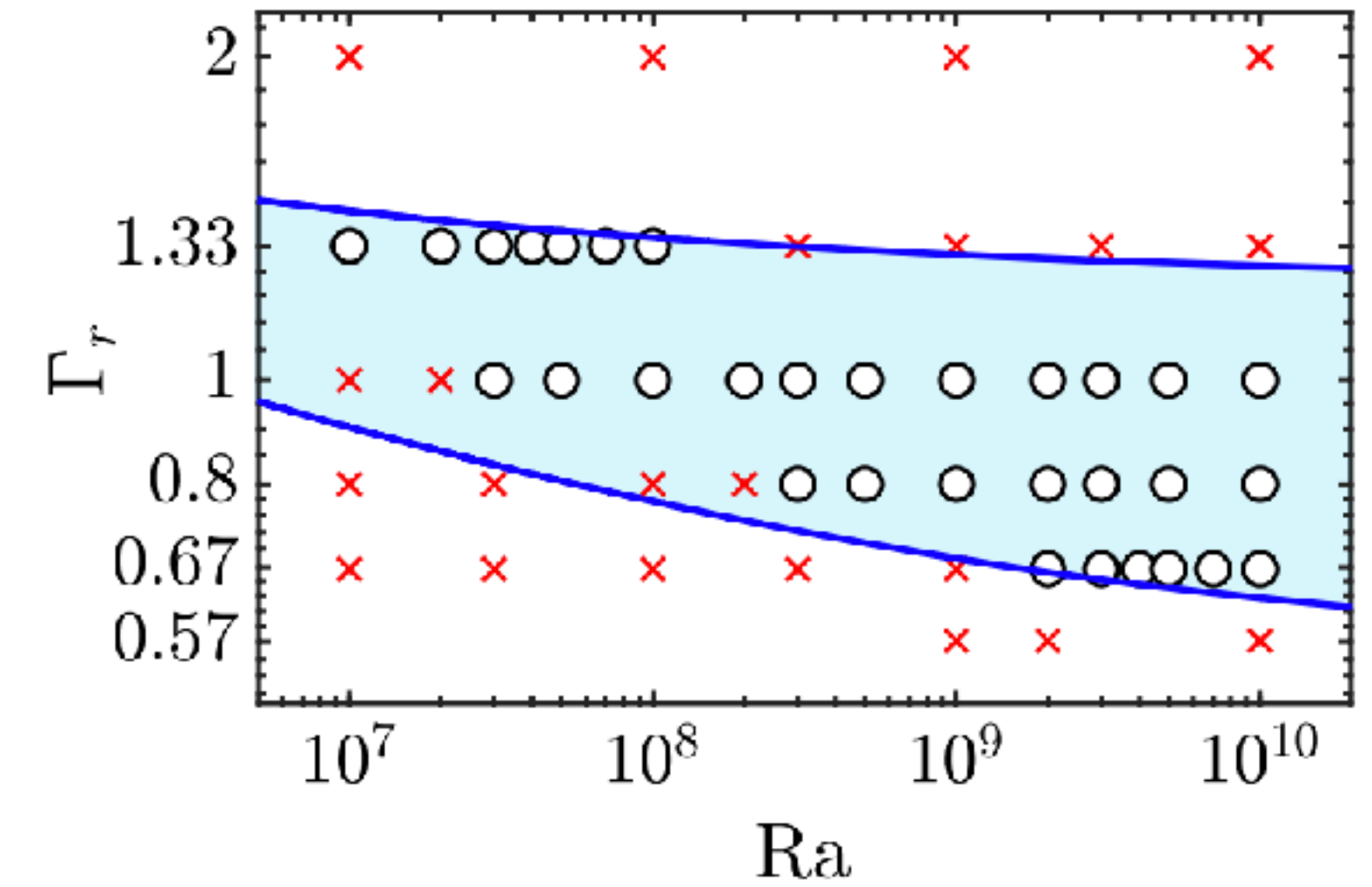
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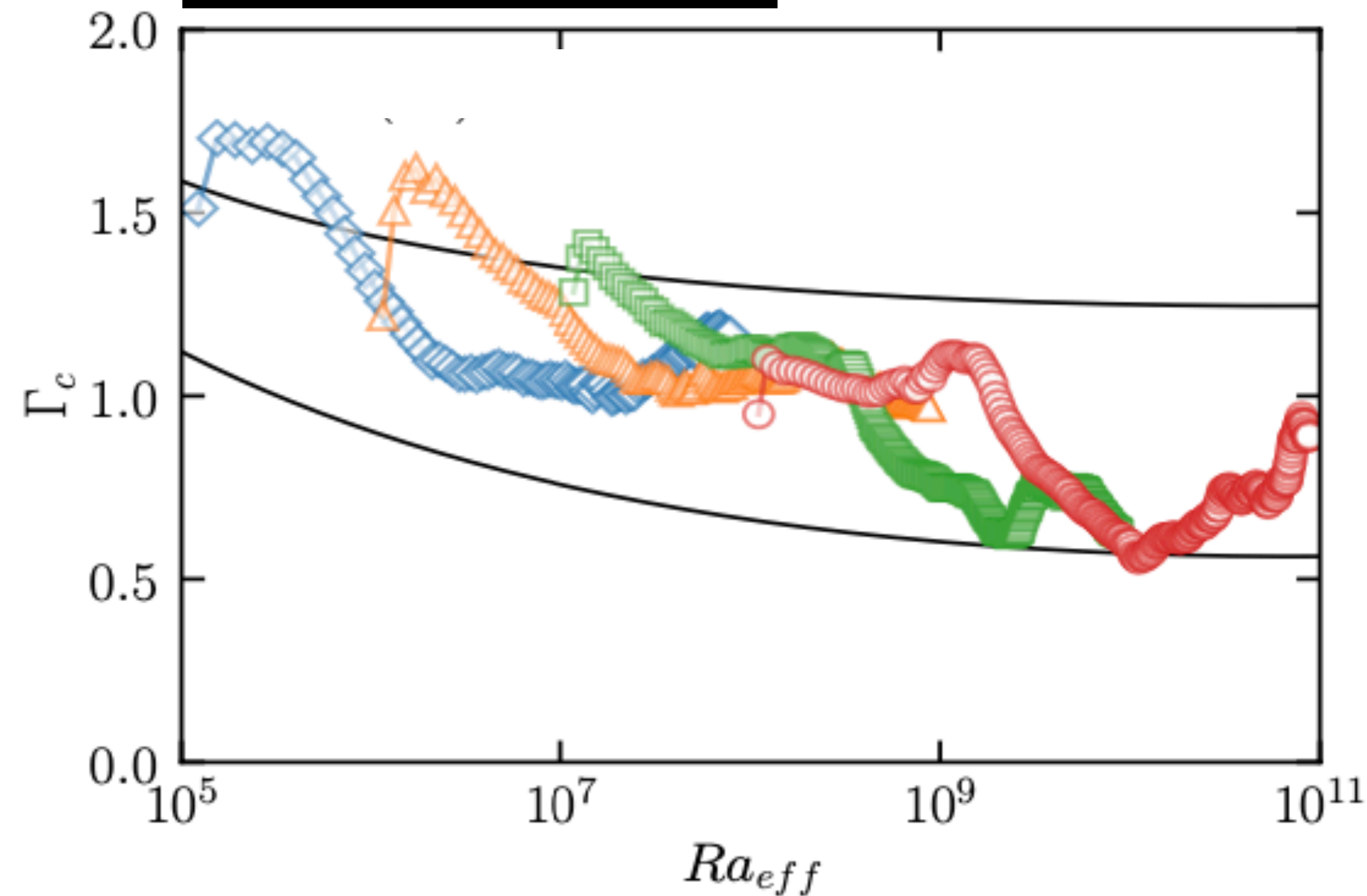


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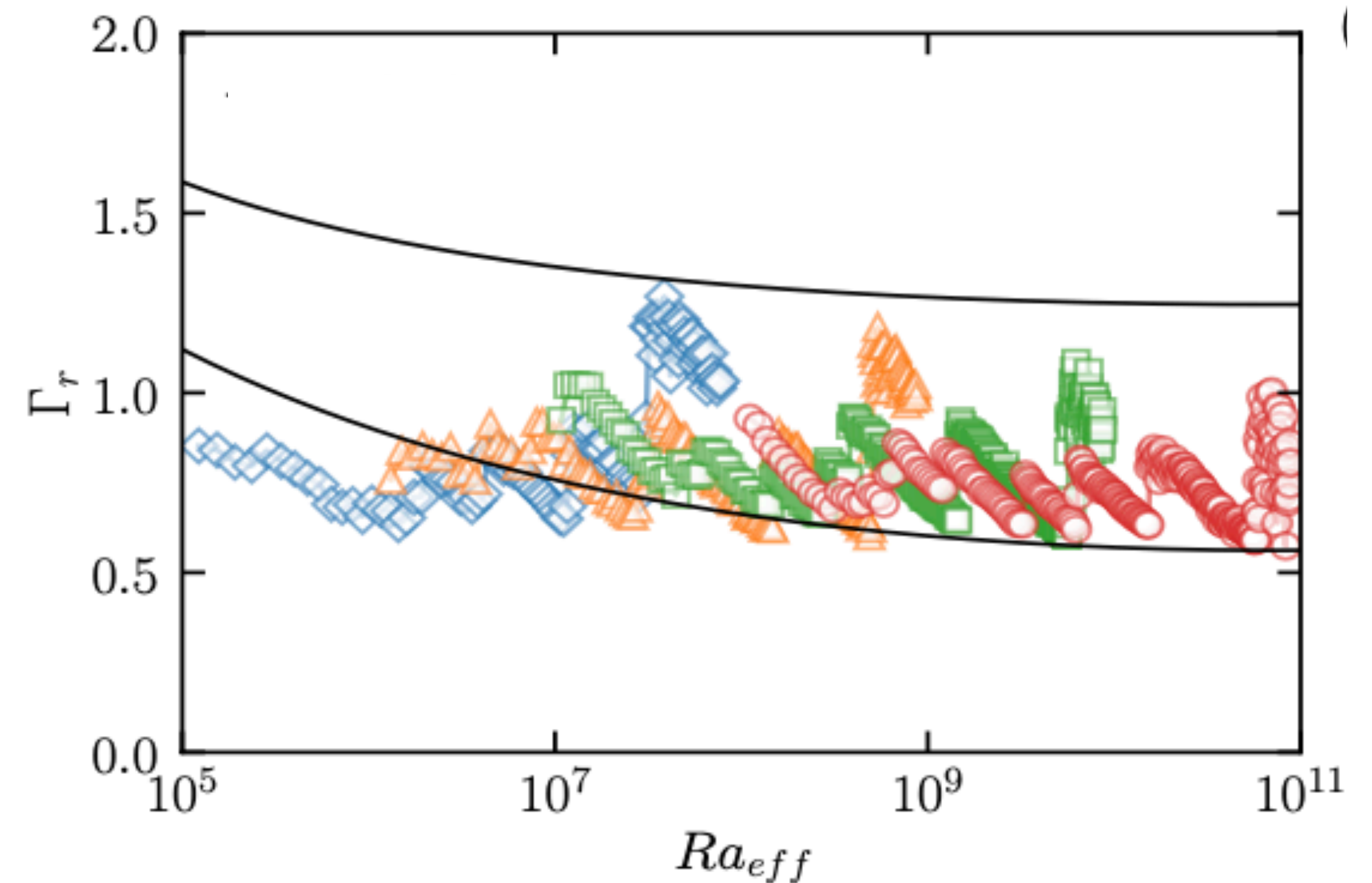
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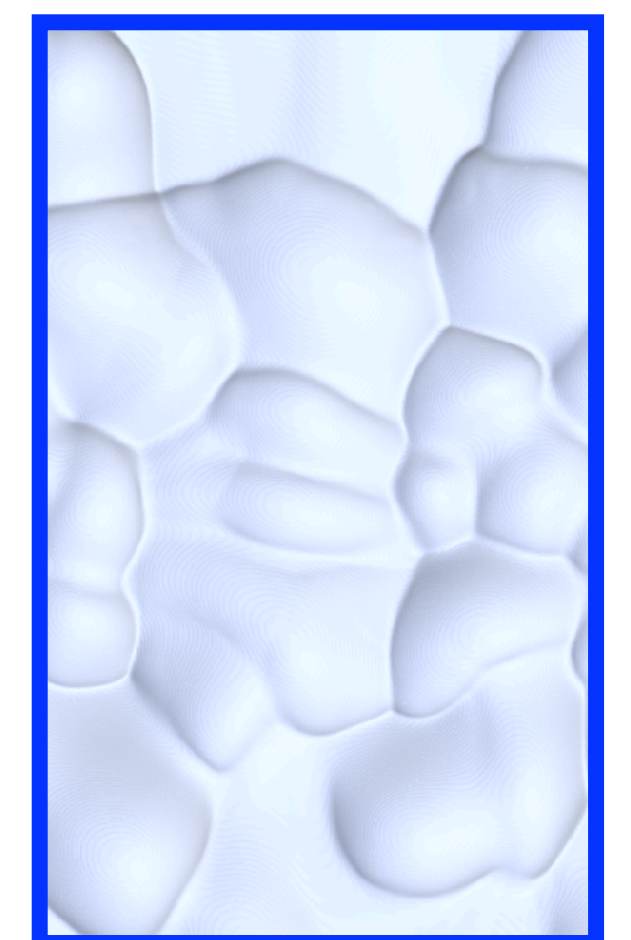
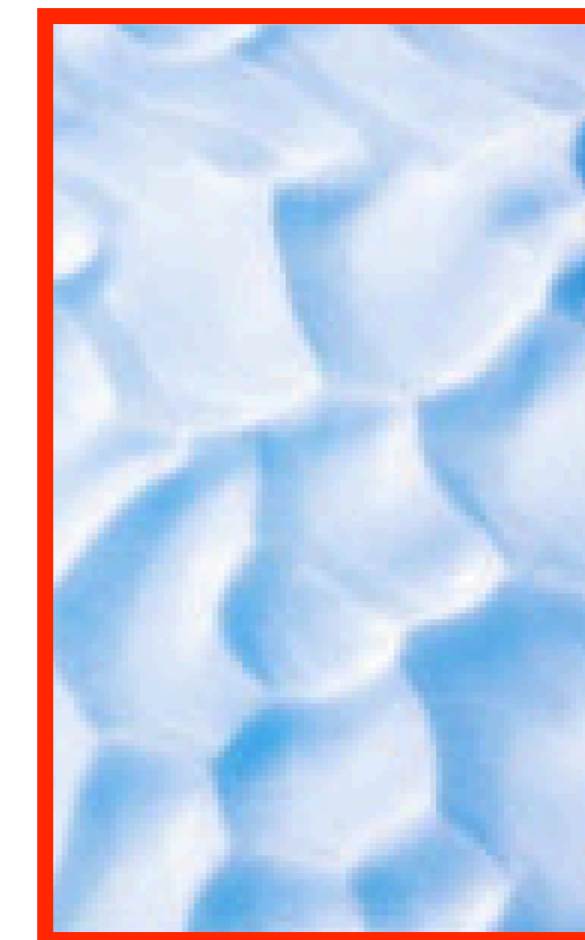
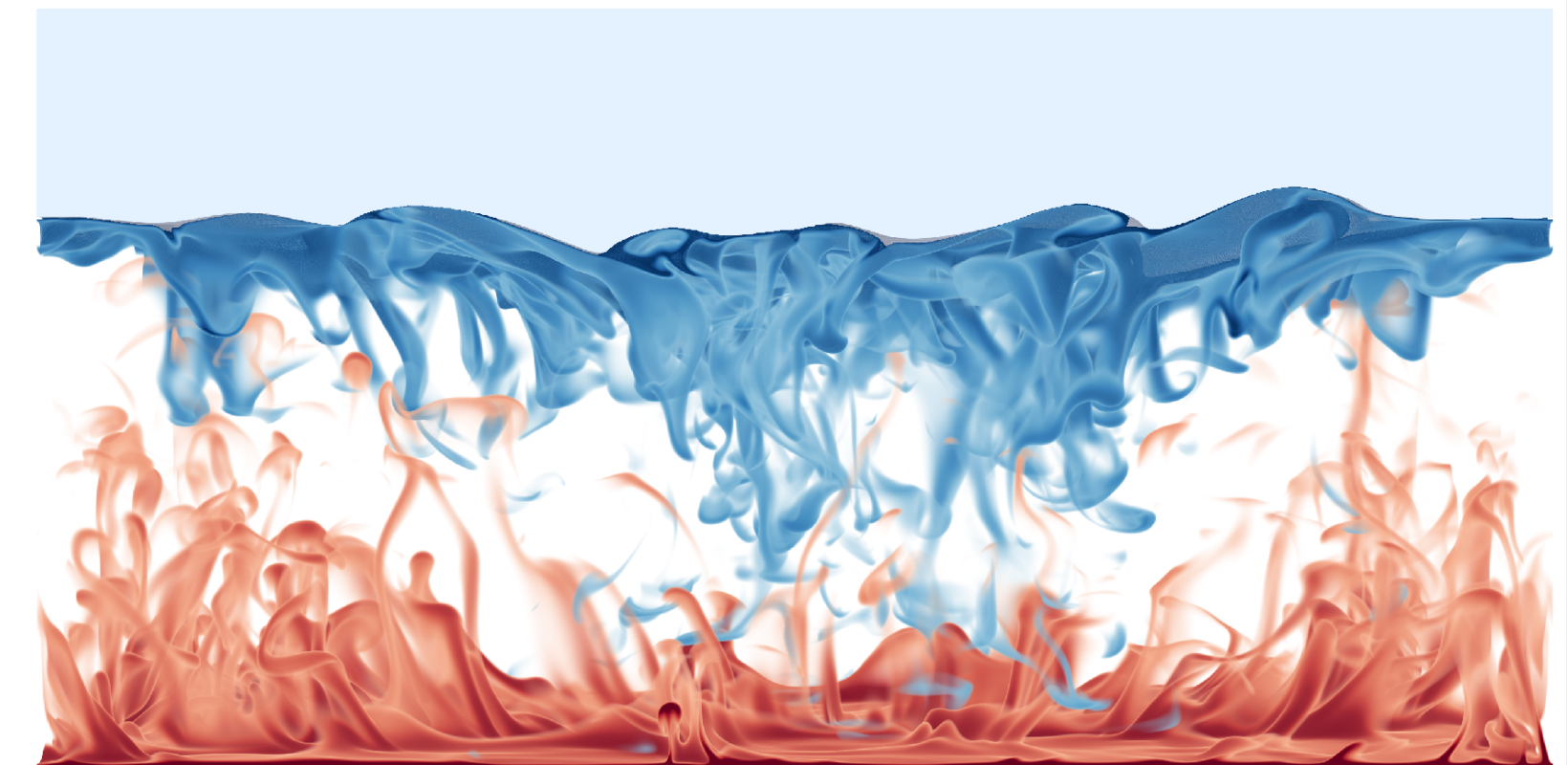
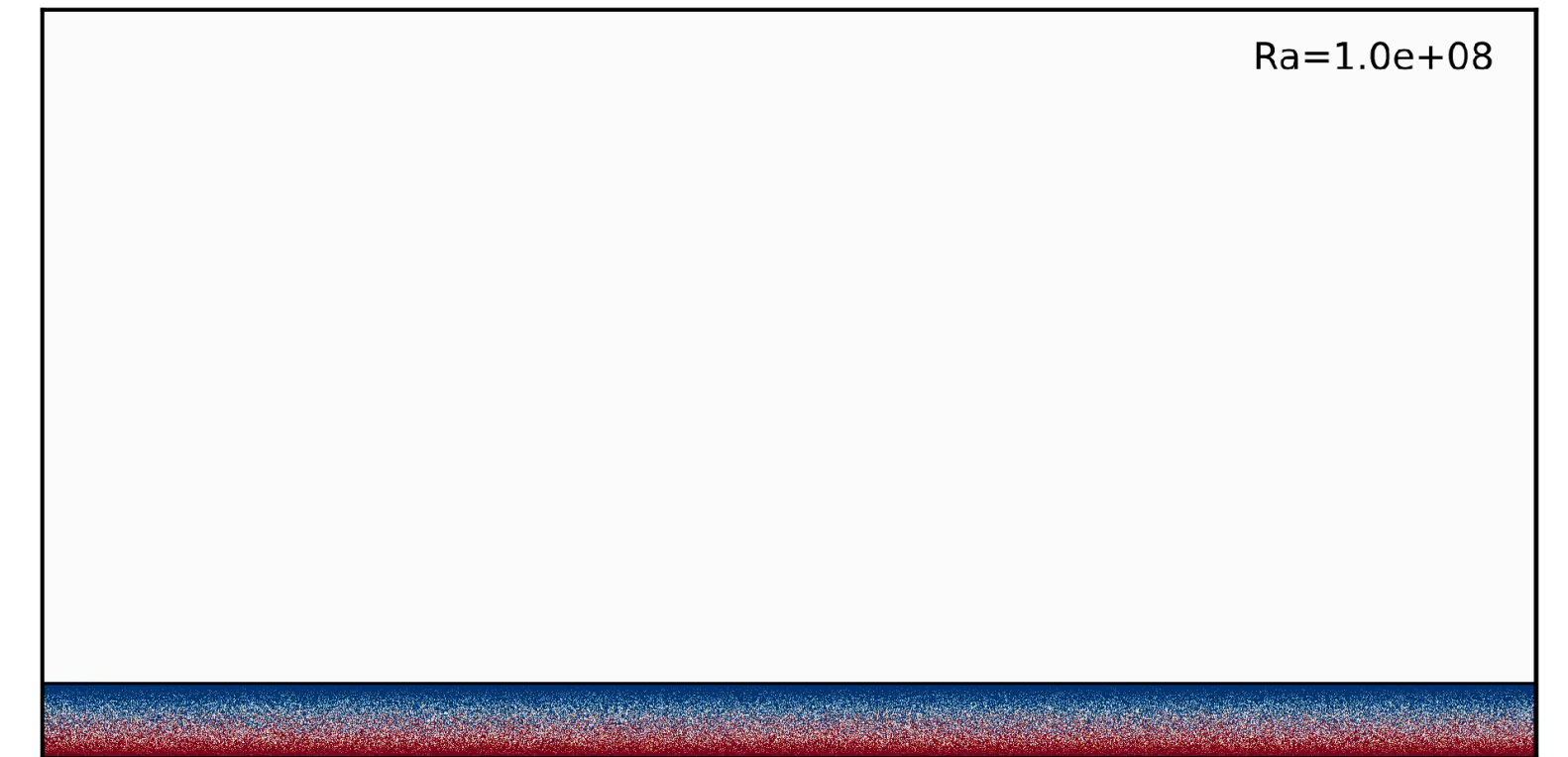
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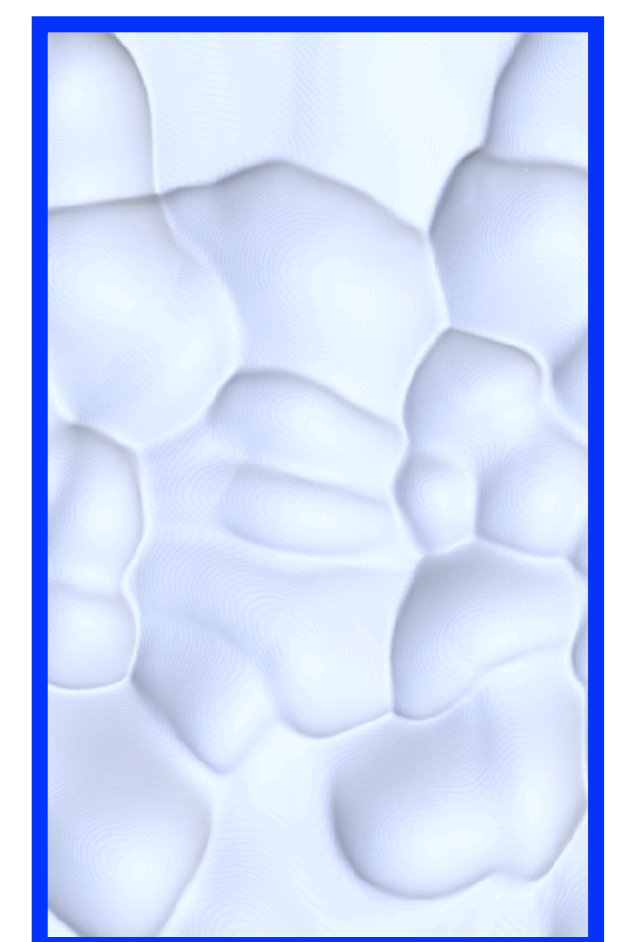
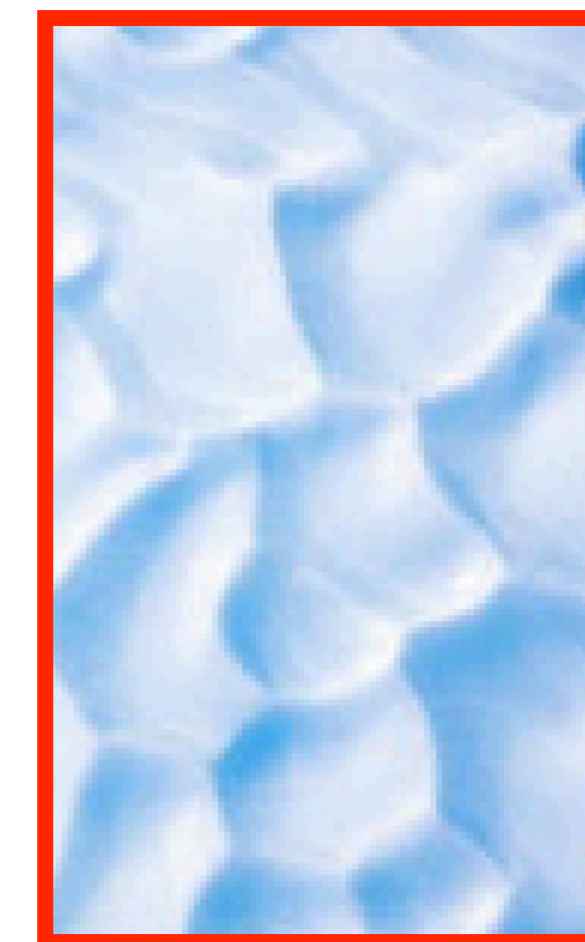
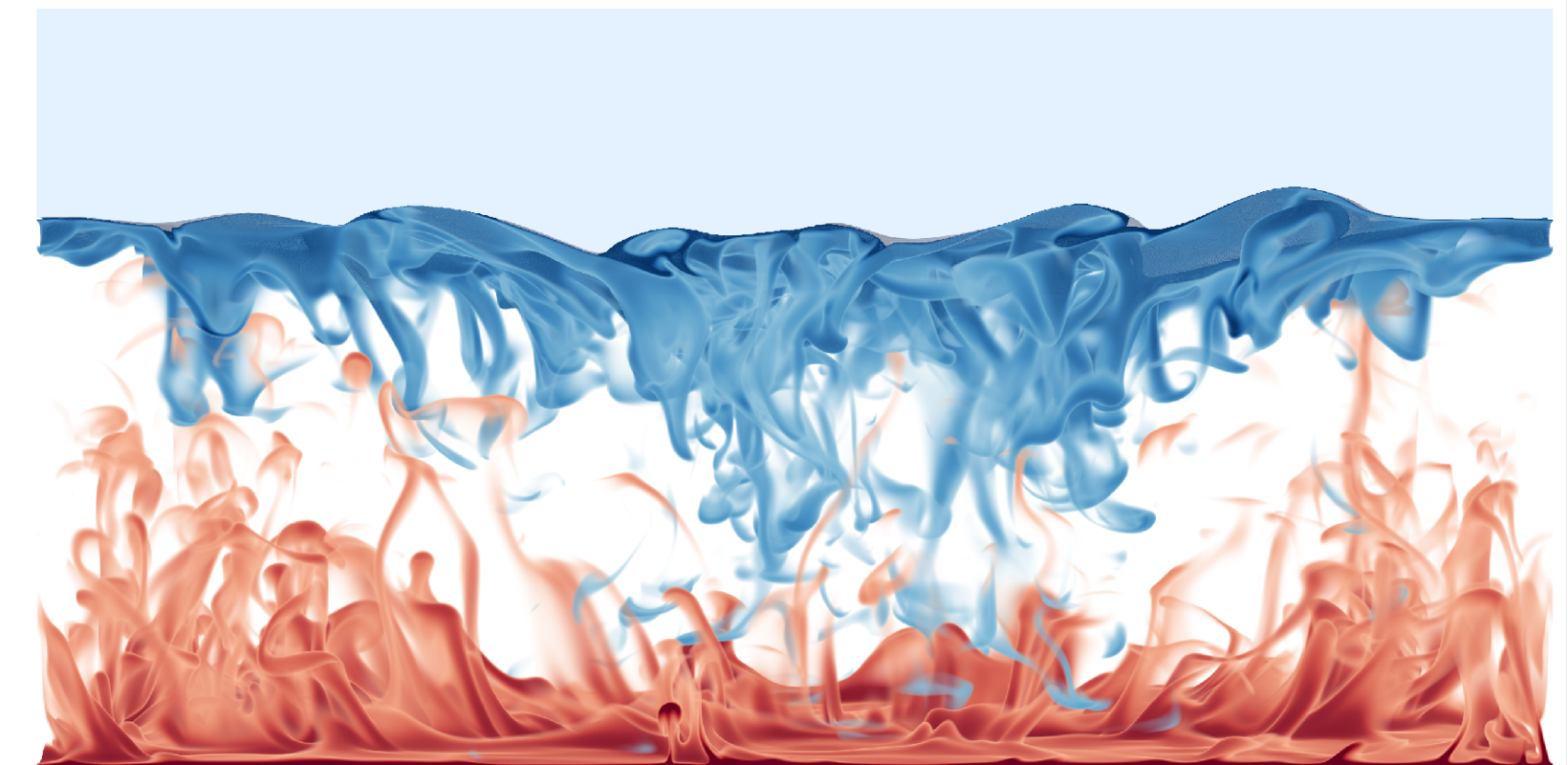
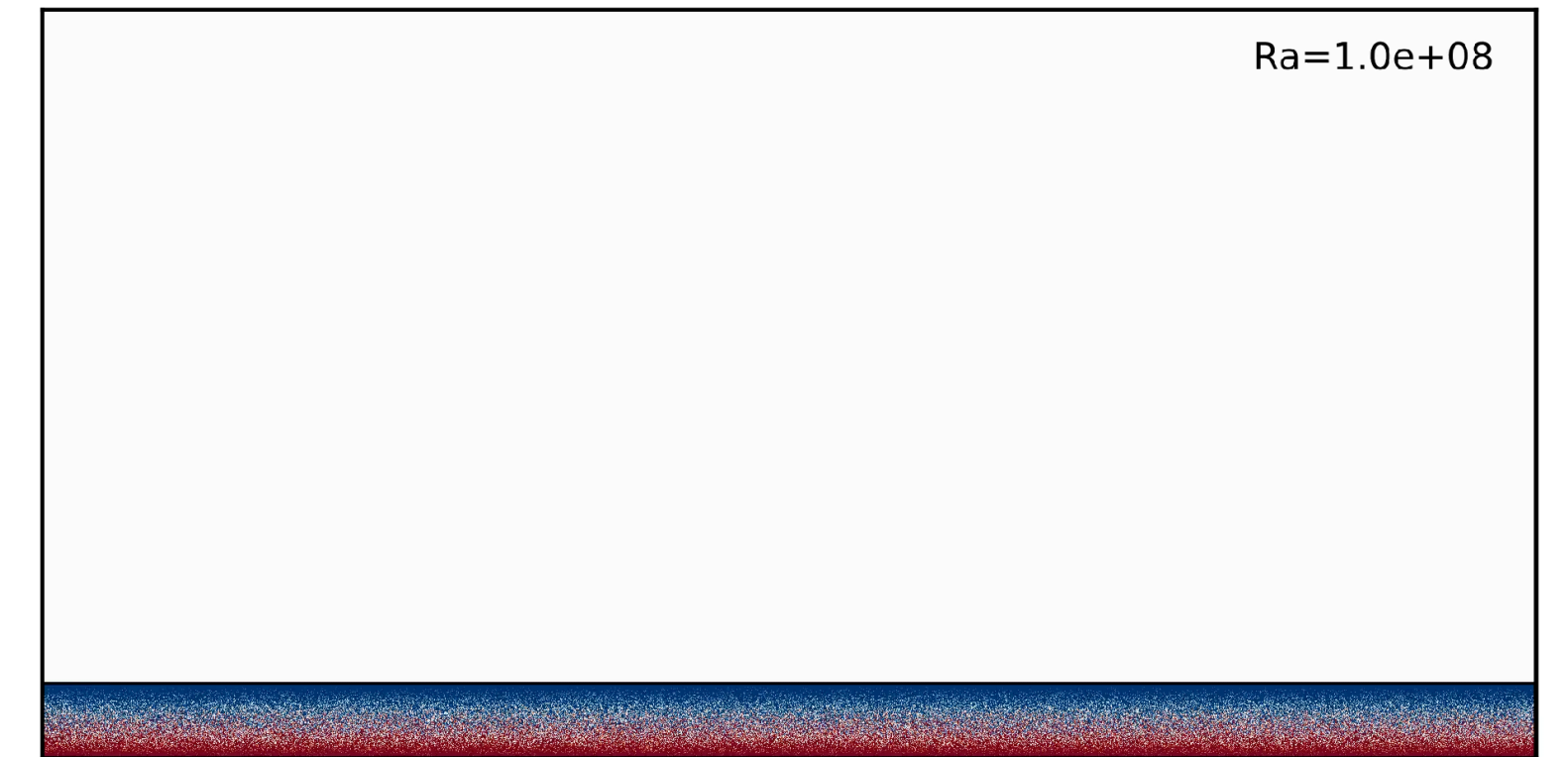
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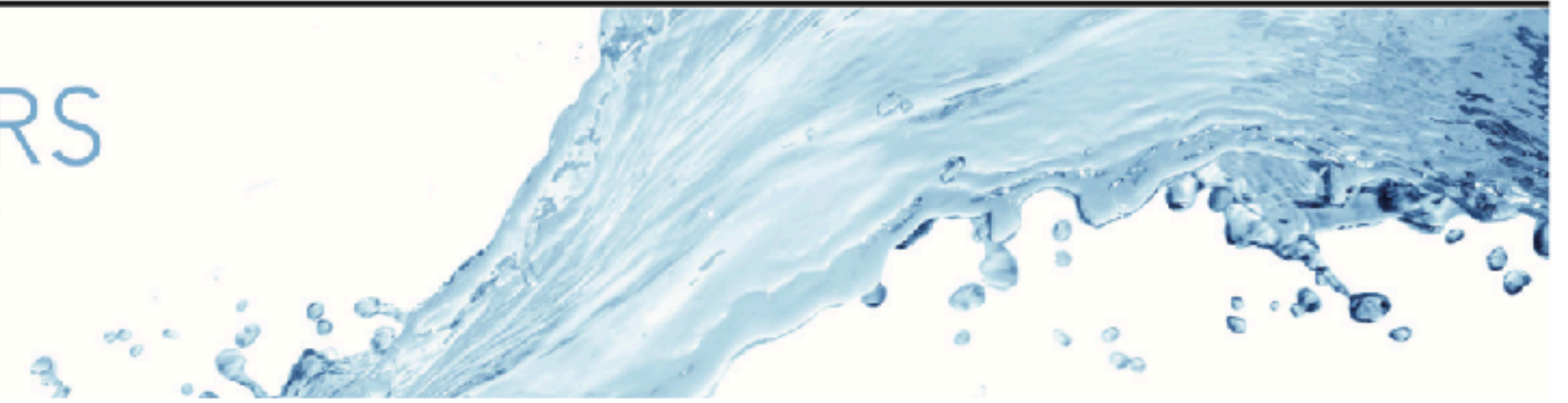
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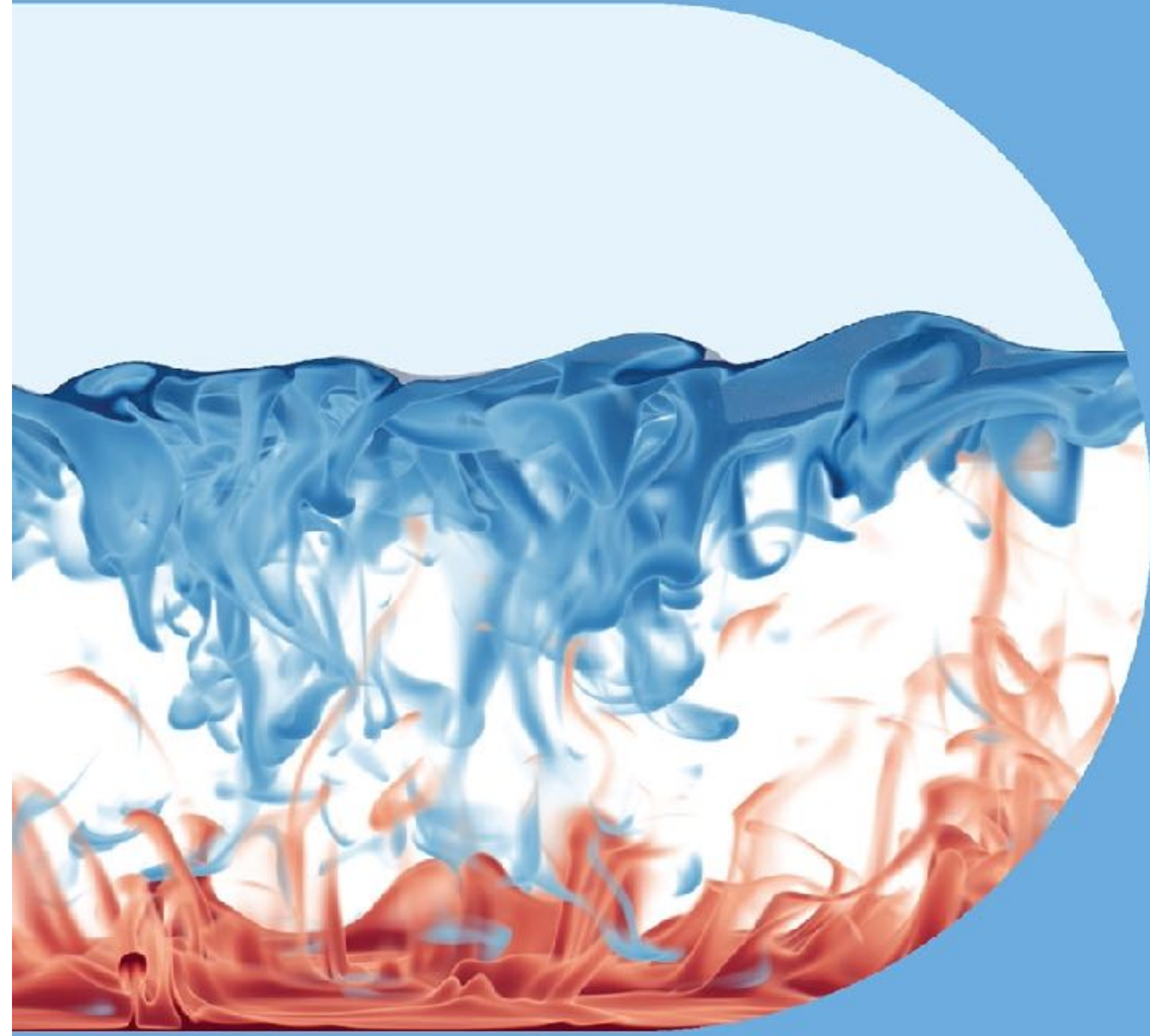
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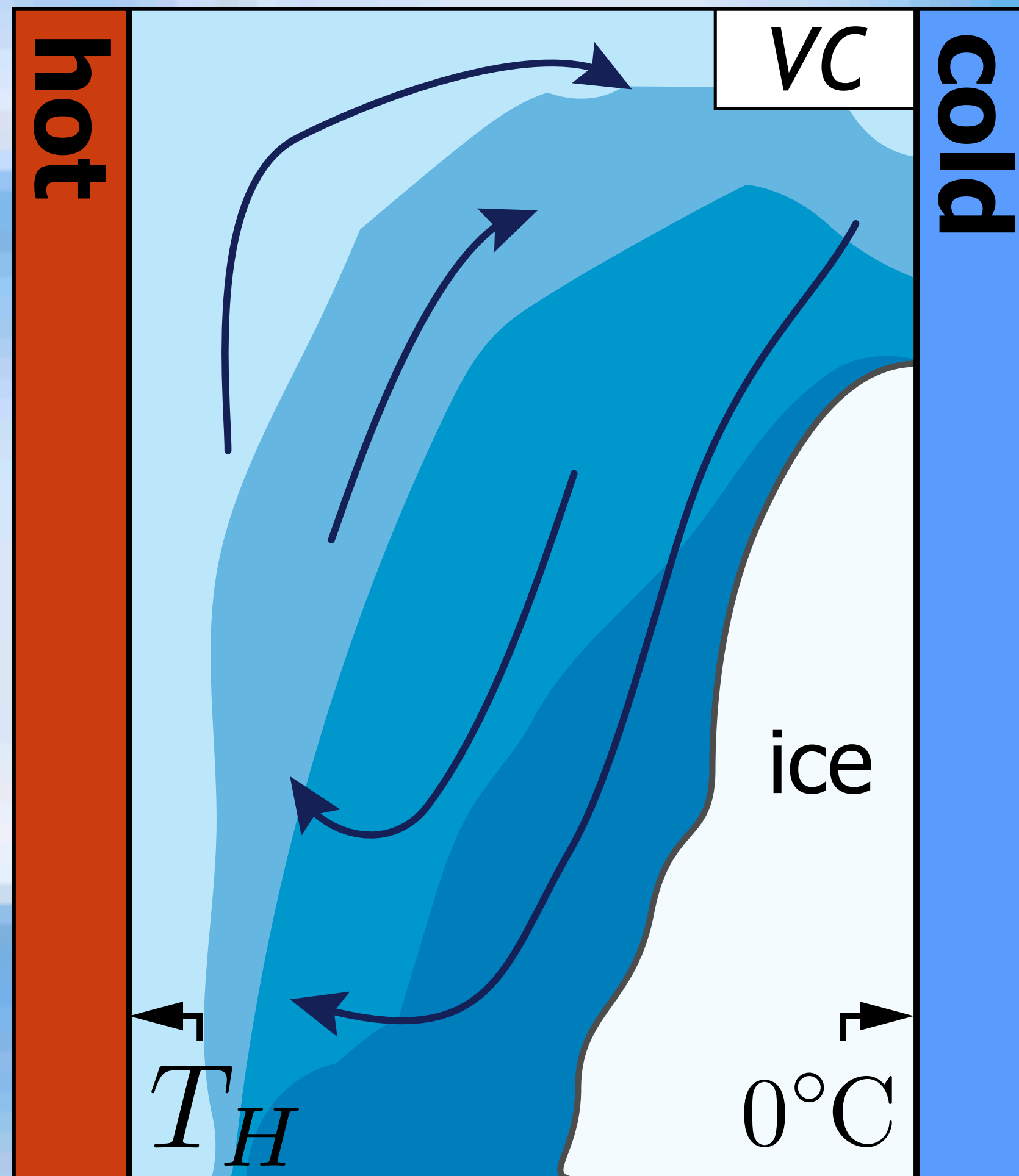


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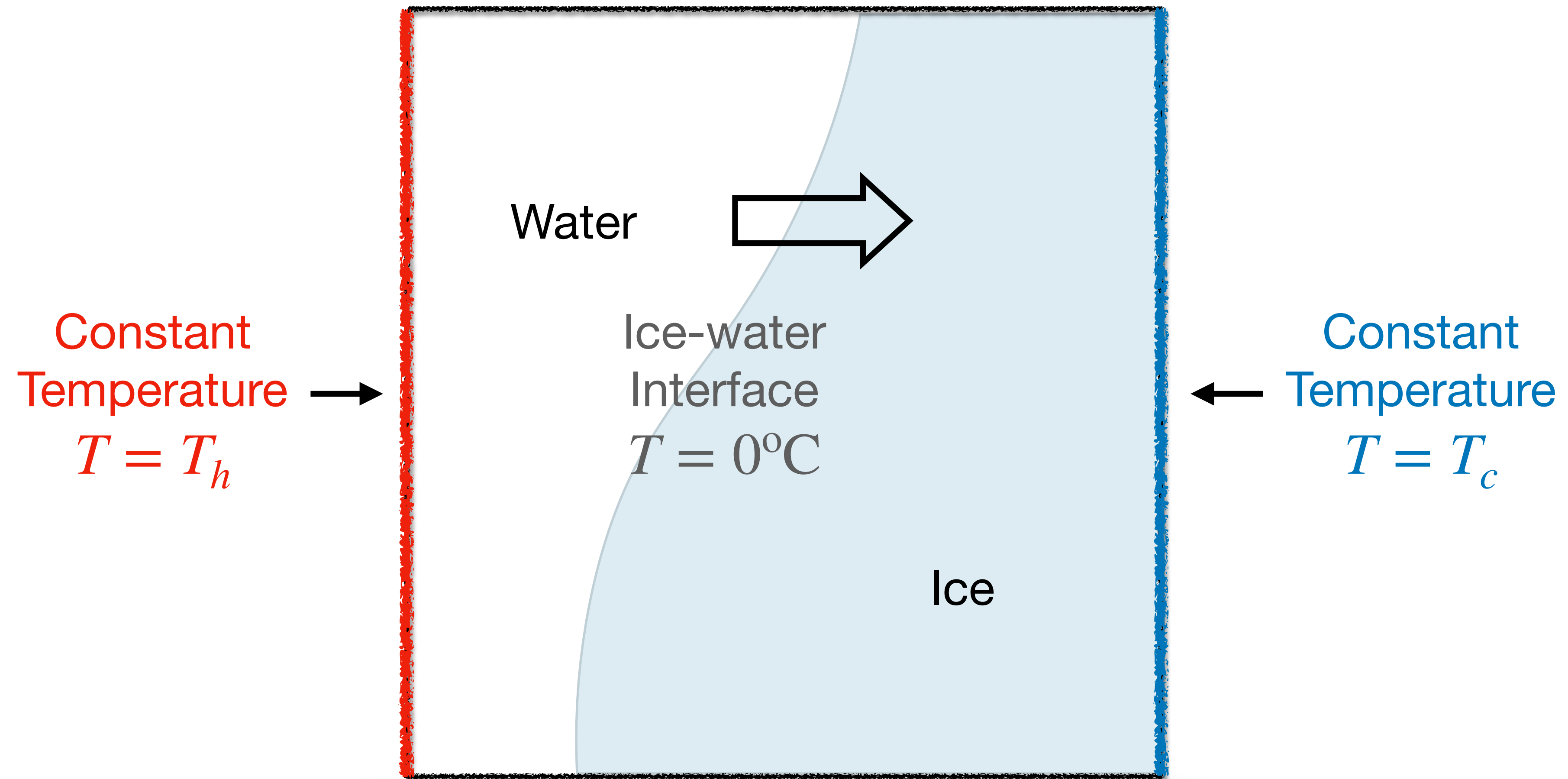
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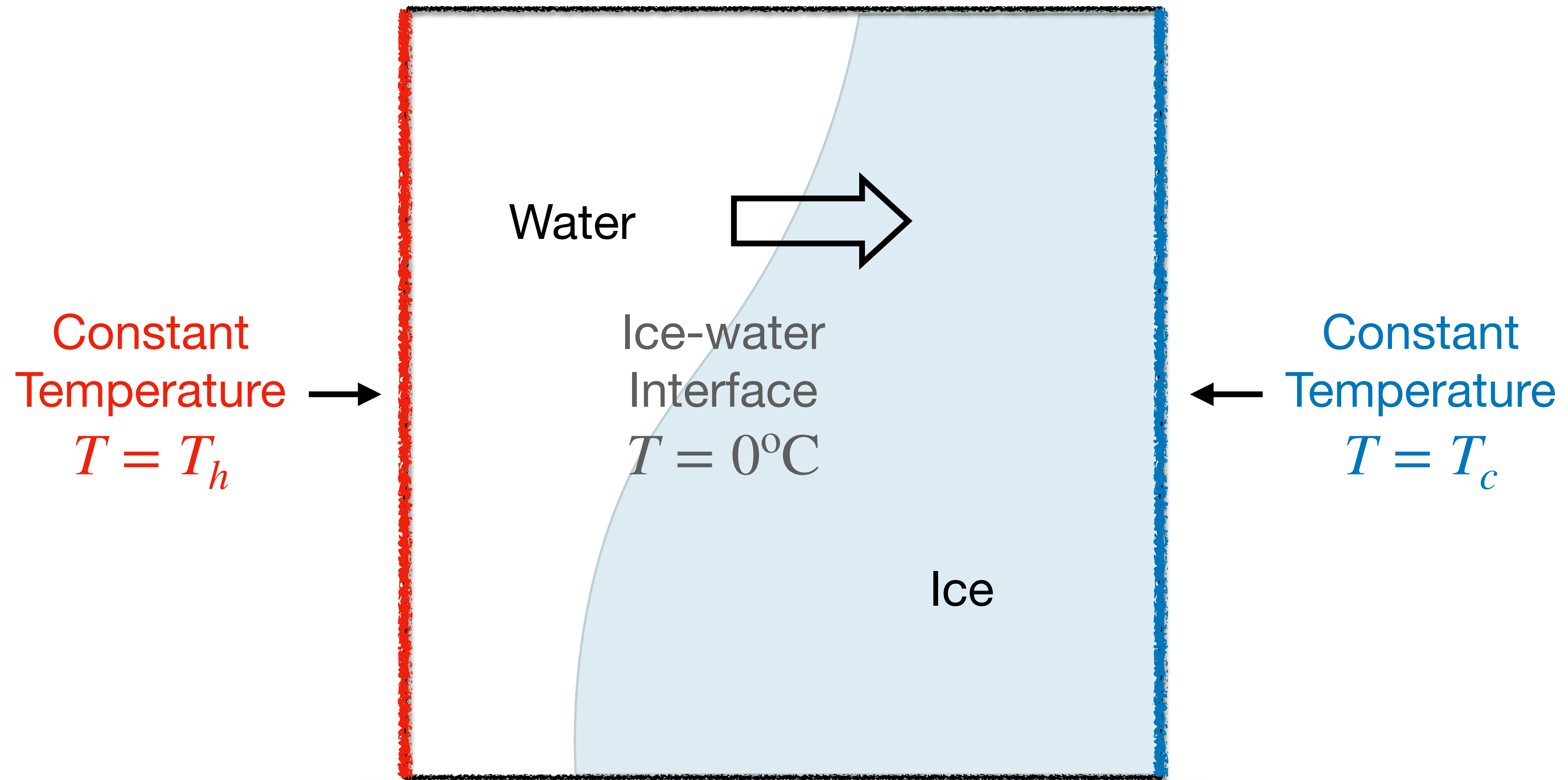
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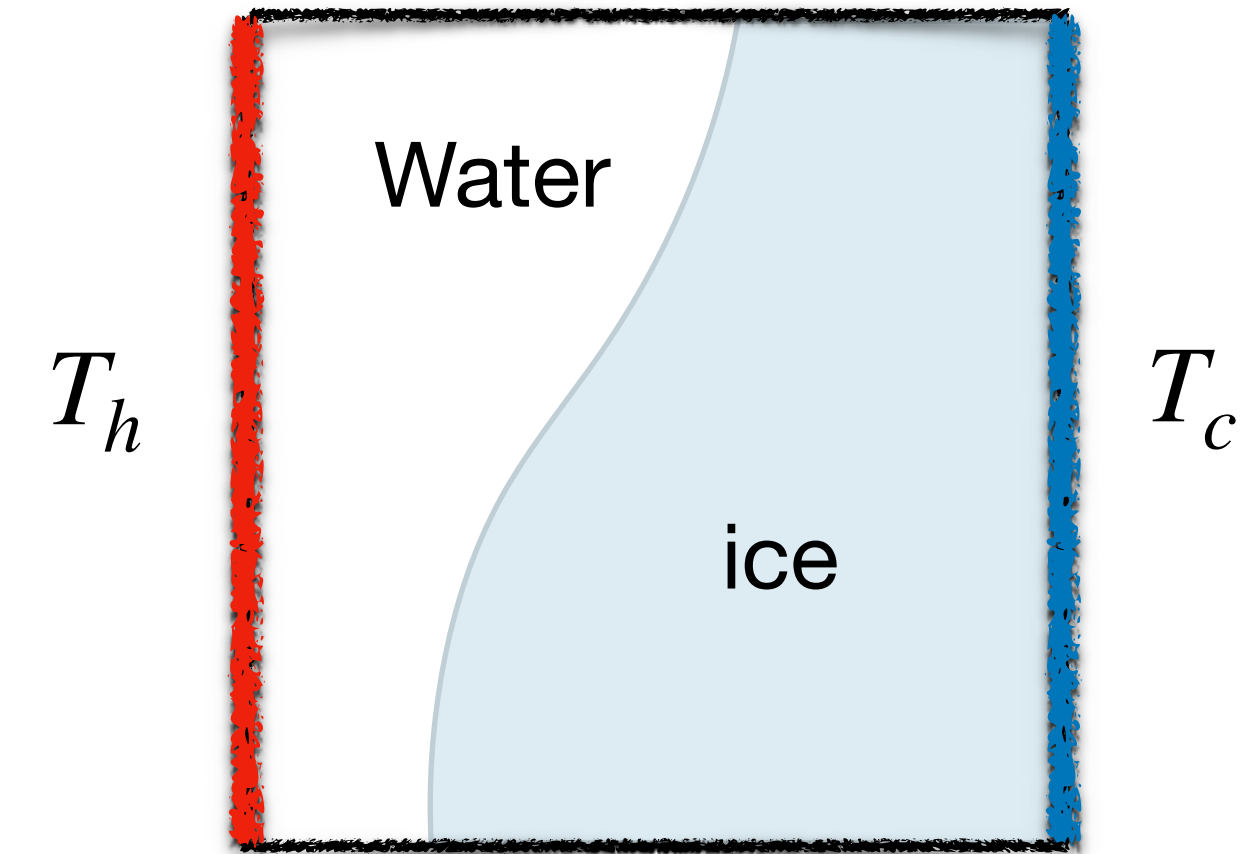
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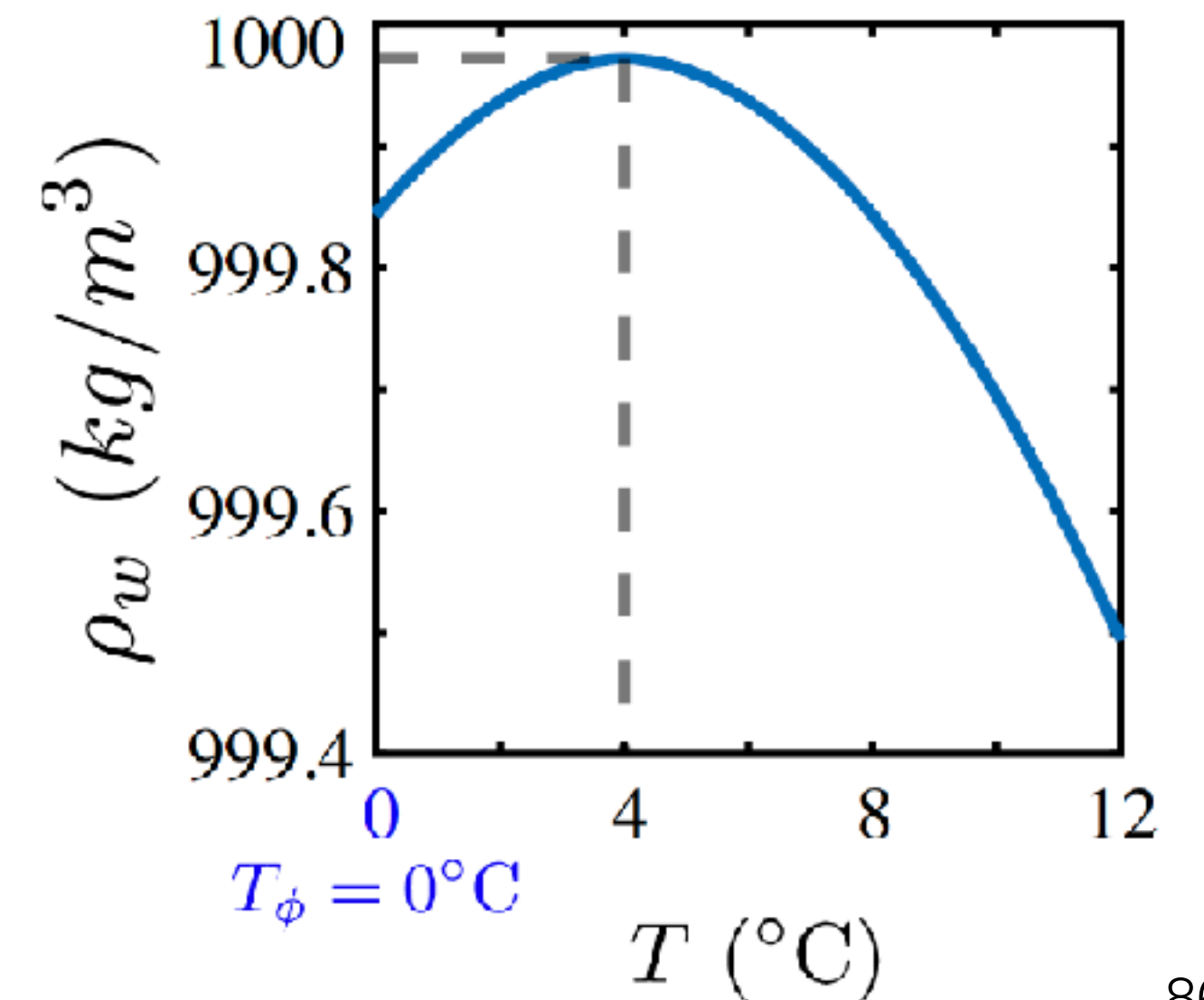
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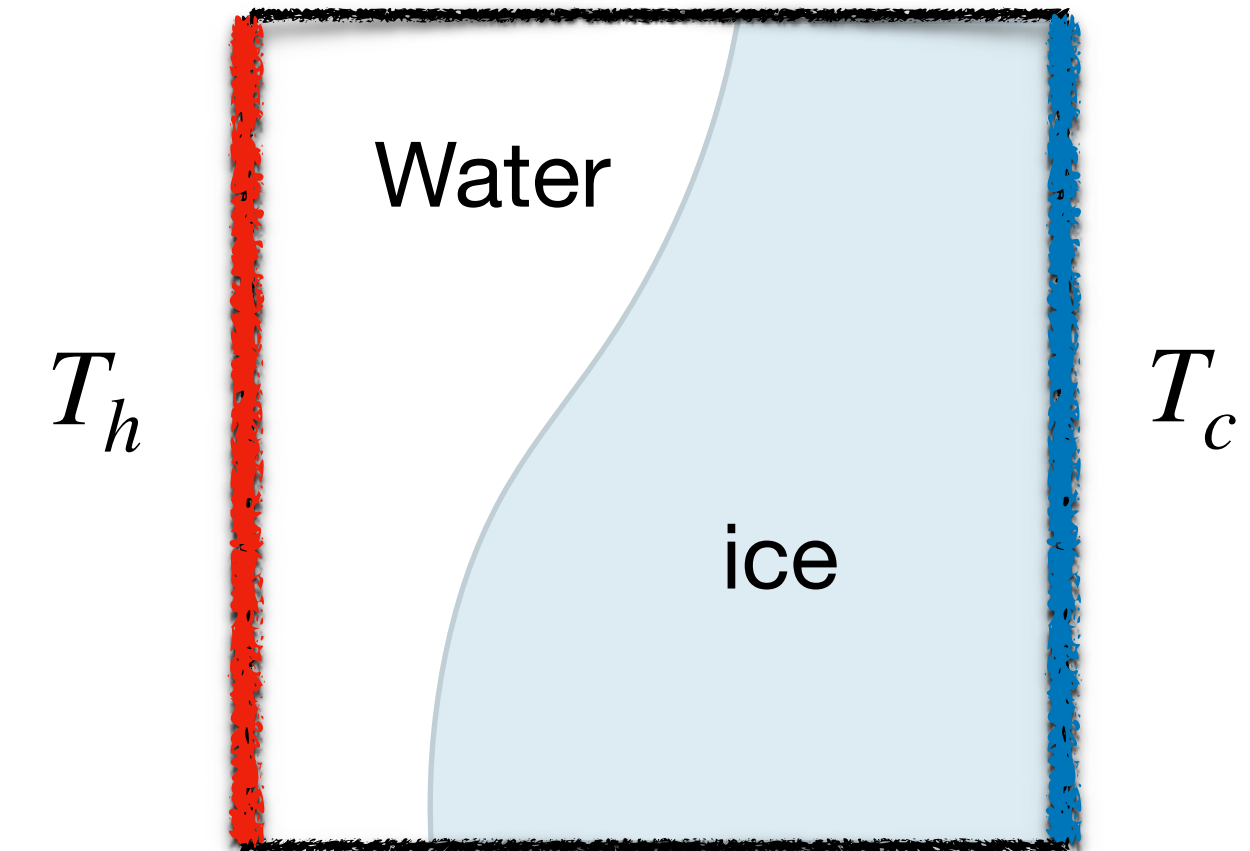
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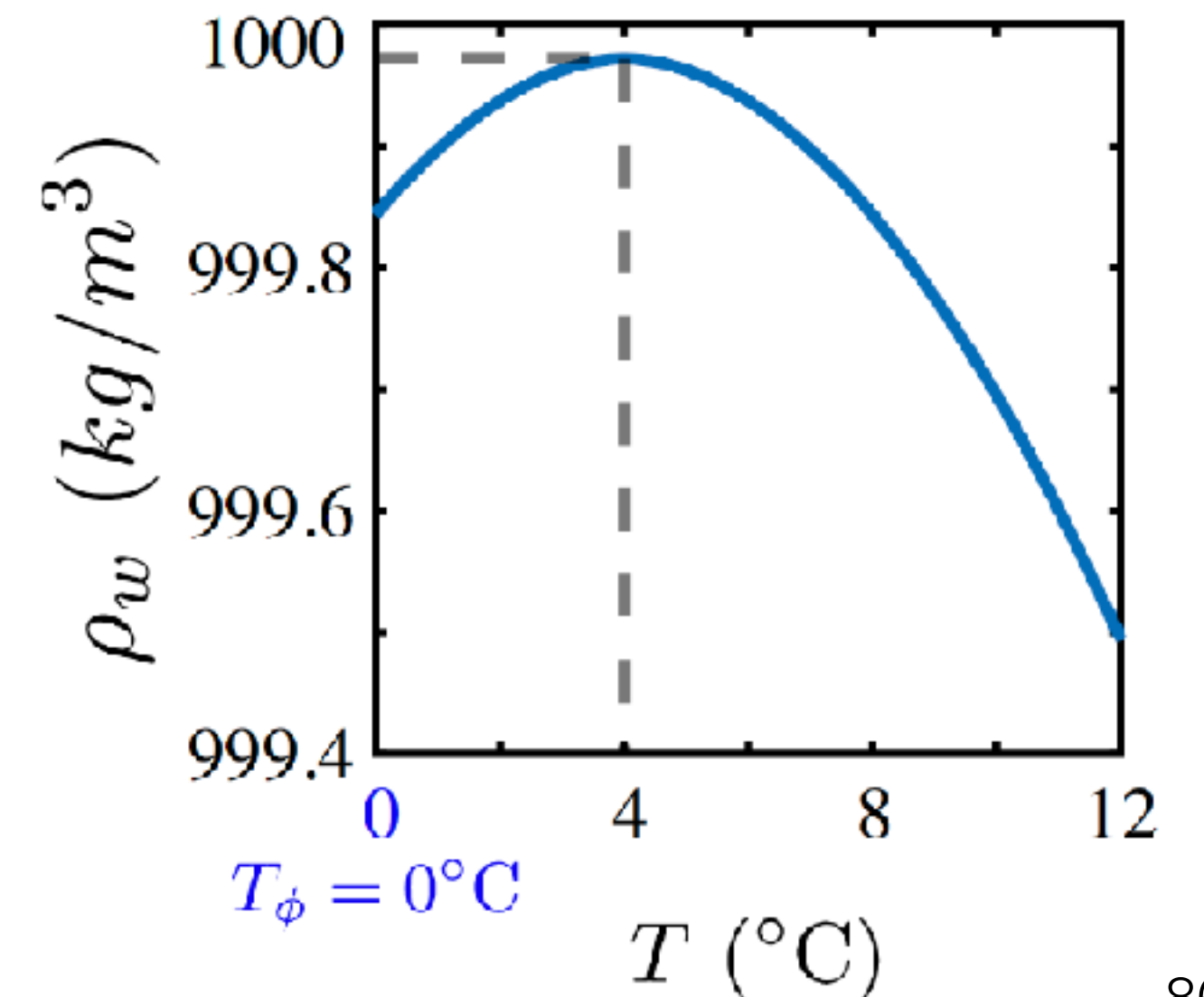
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$$\rho_w = \rho_0(1 - \beta^* |T - T_{max}|^q)$$



Control & response parameters

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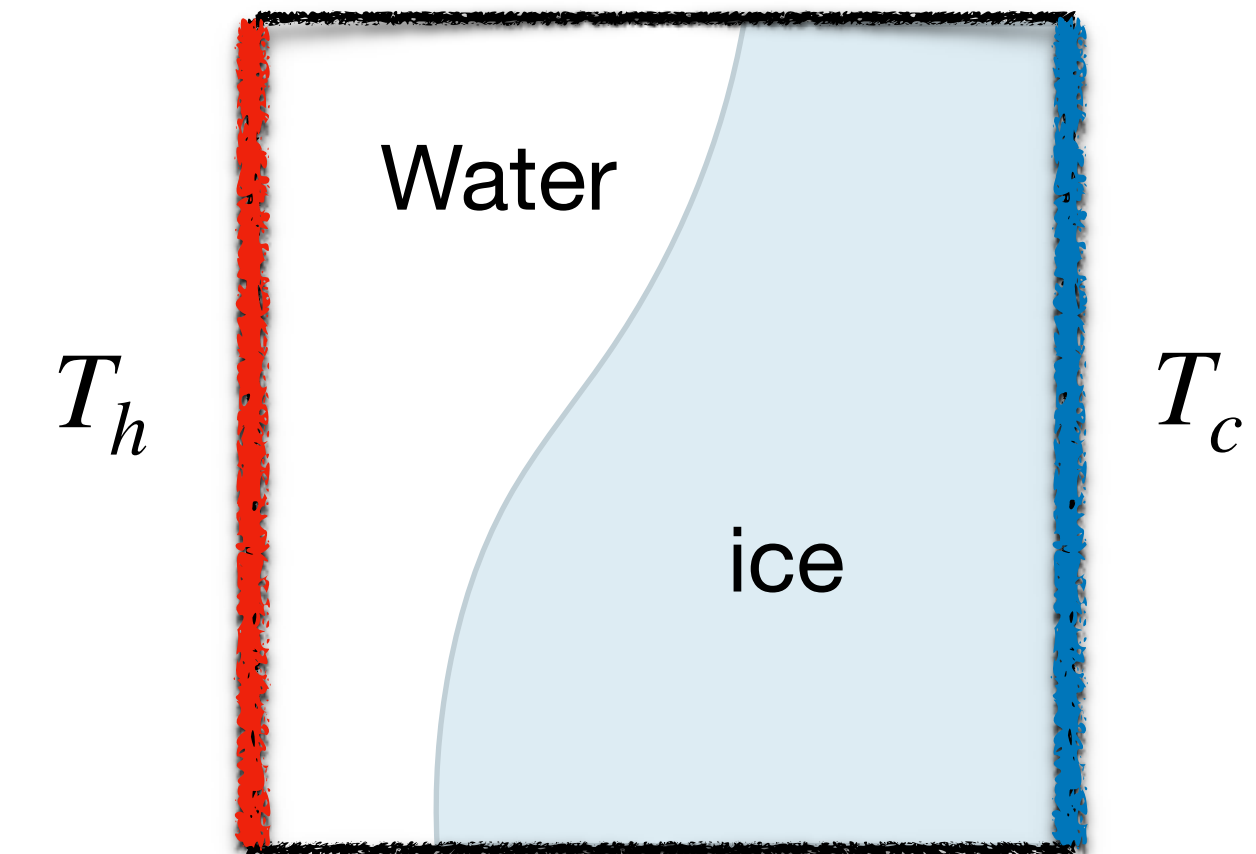
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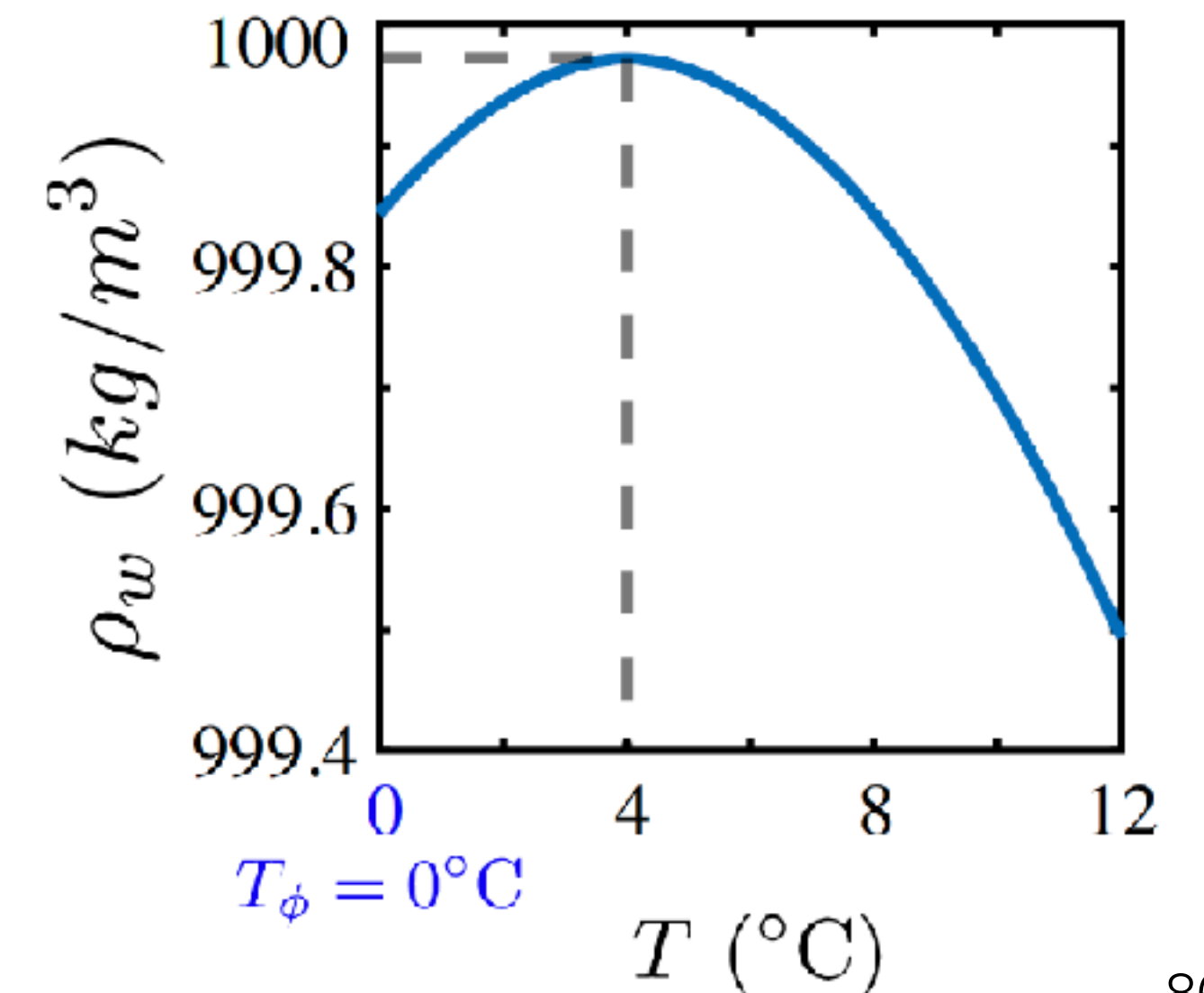
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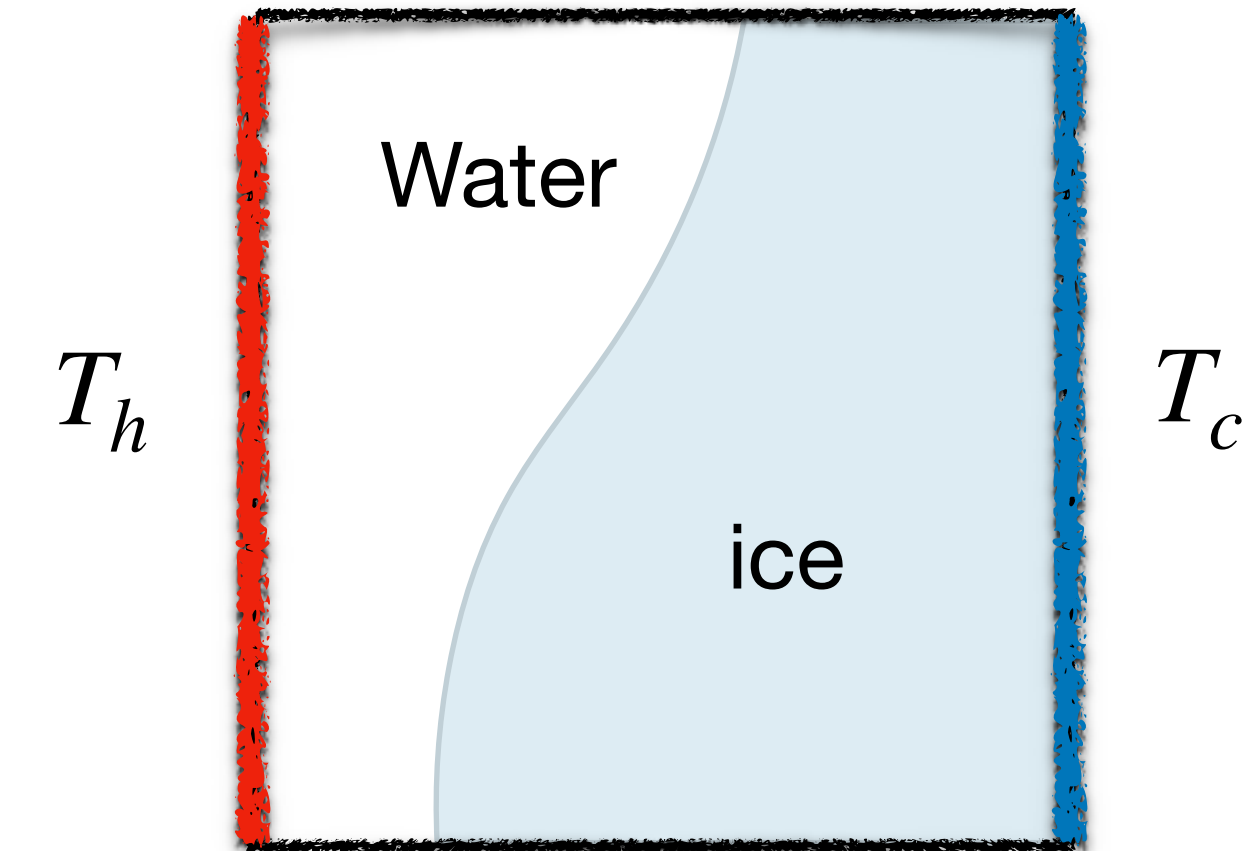
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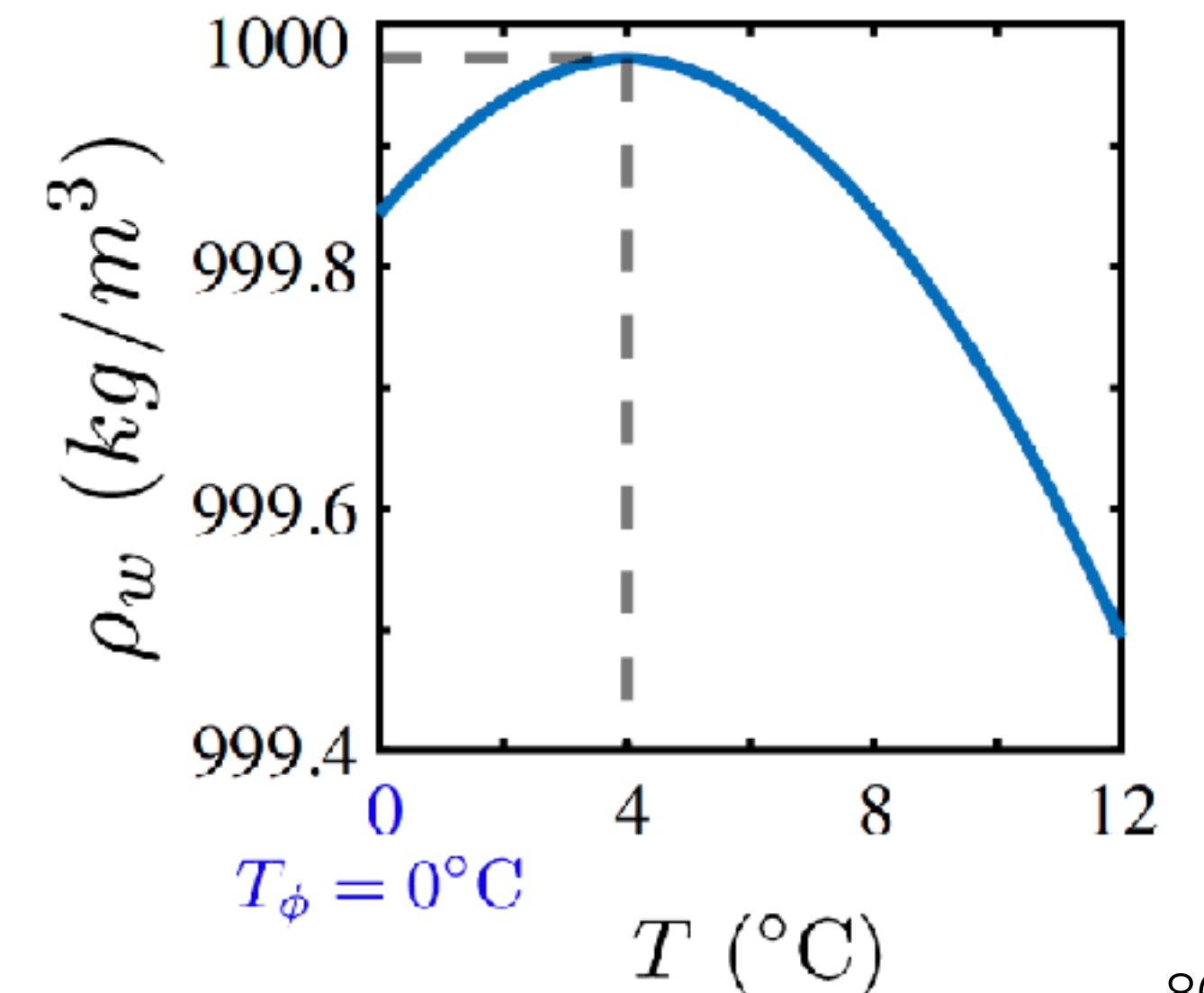
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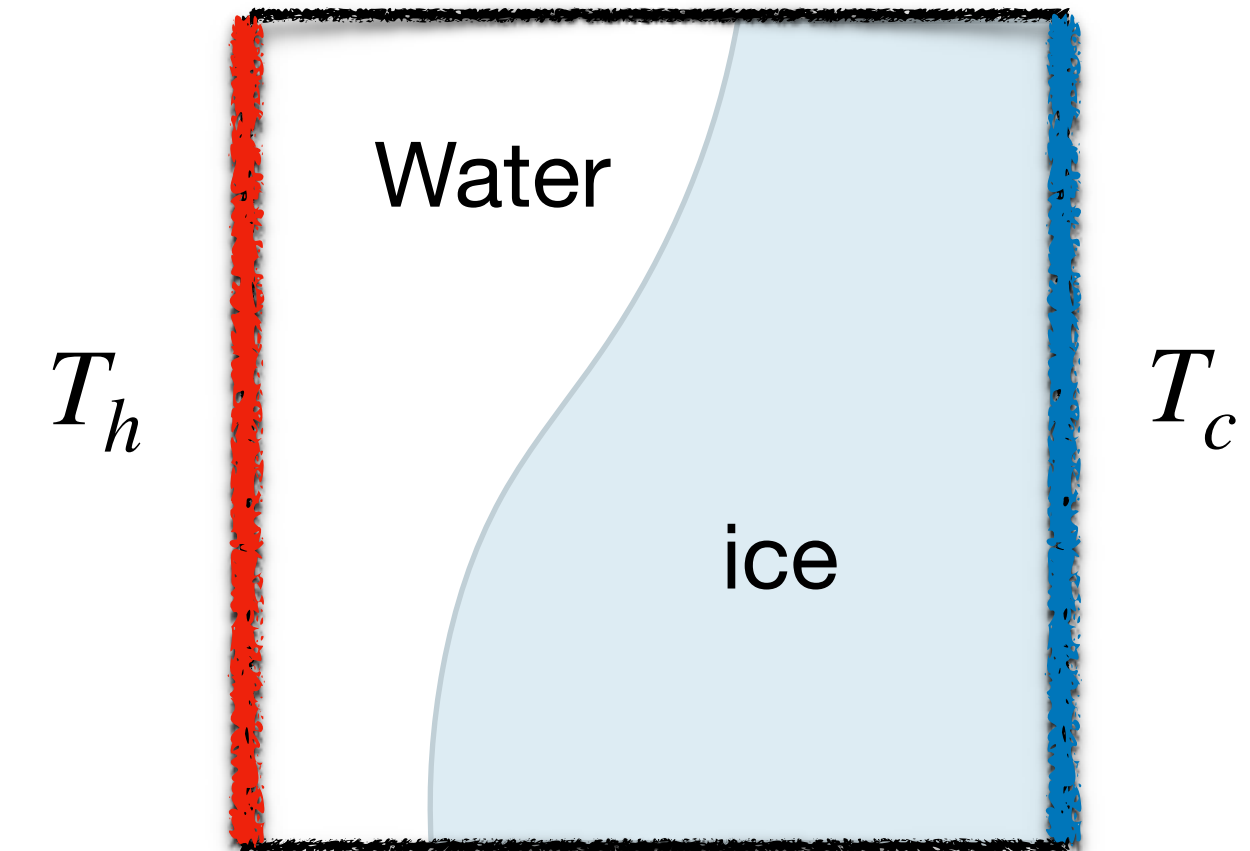
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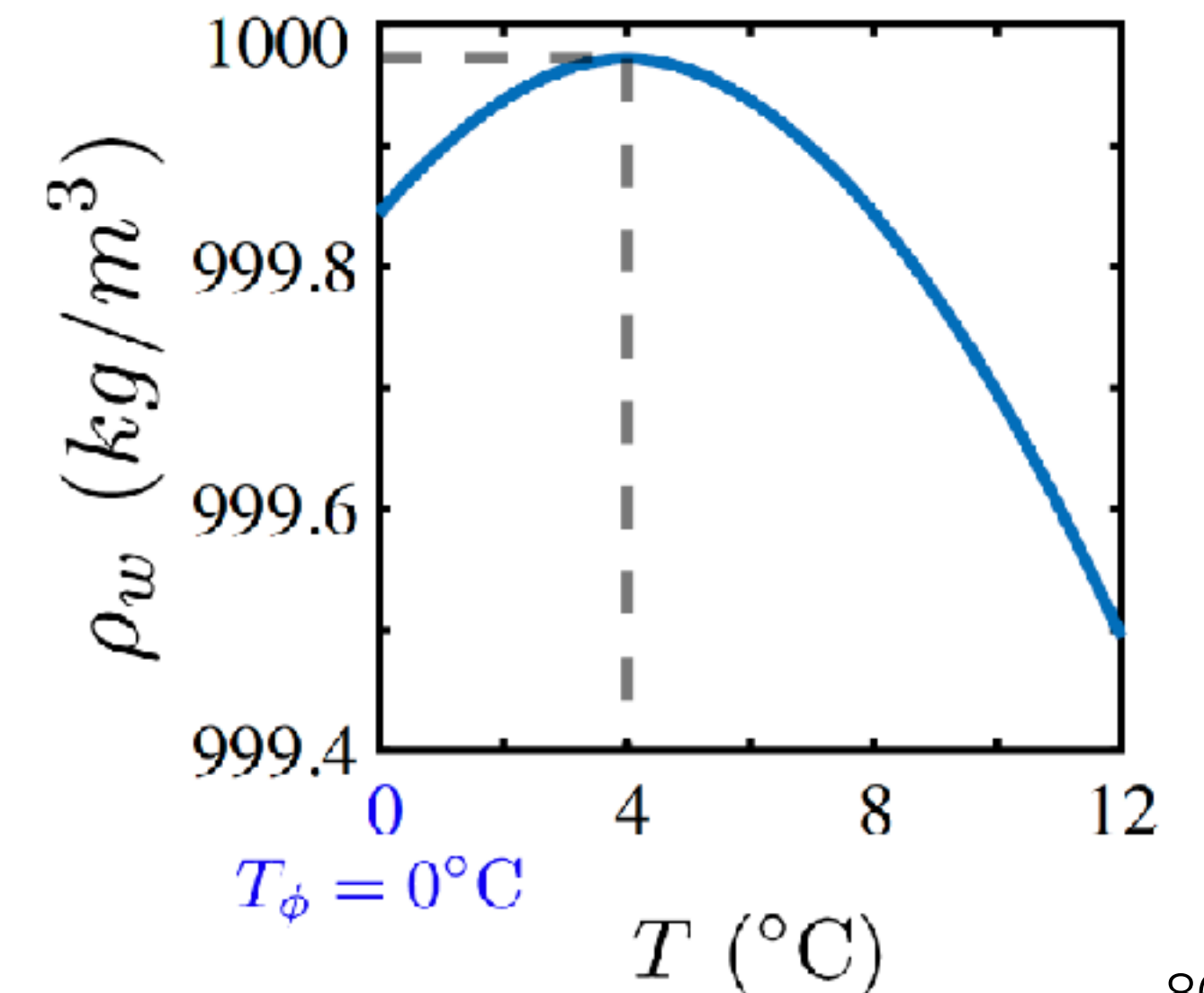
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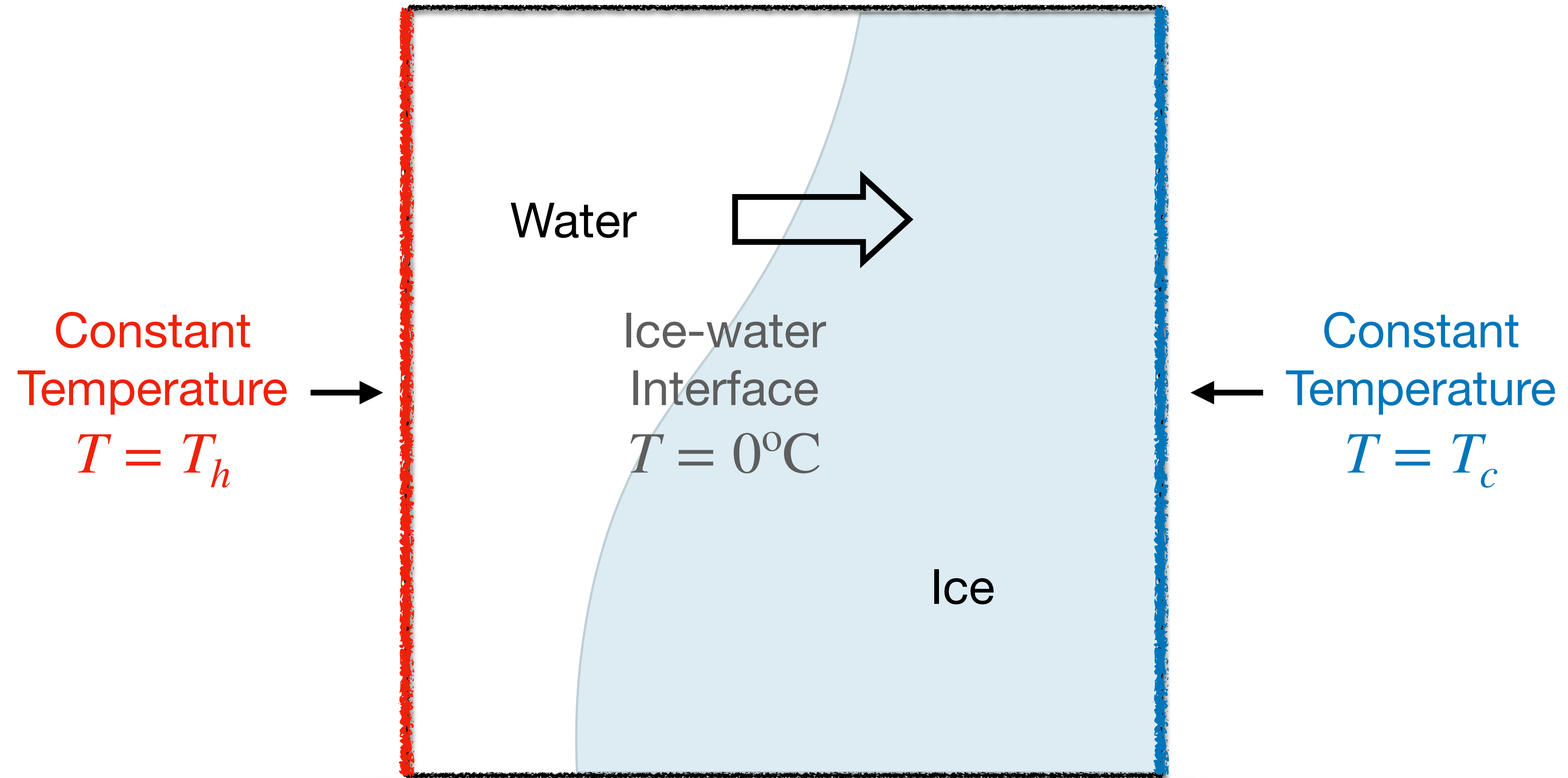
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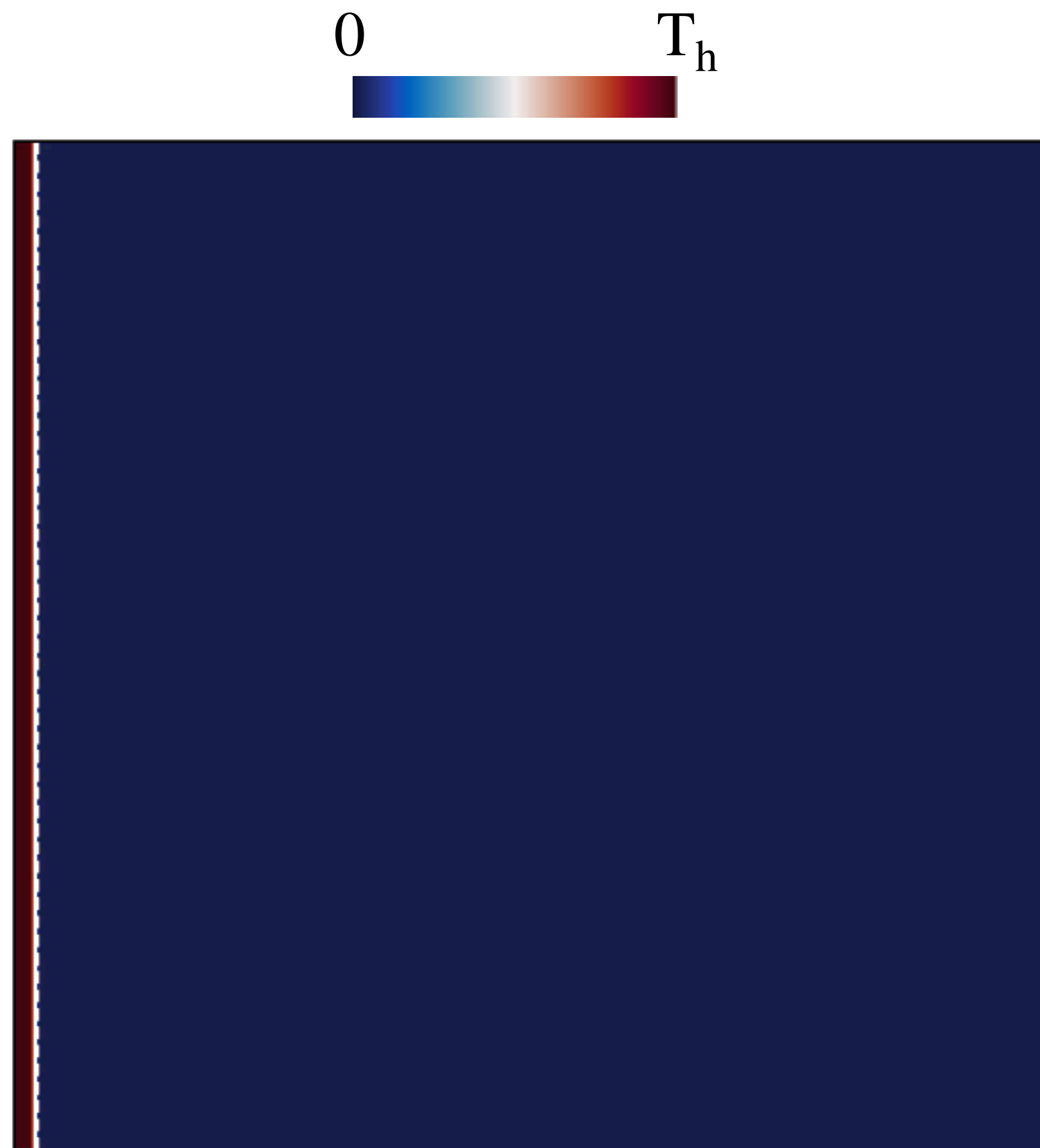
Objective:

How does the melting rate depend on the heating temperature?



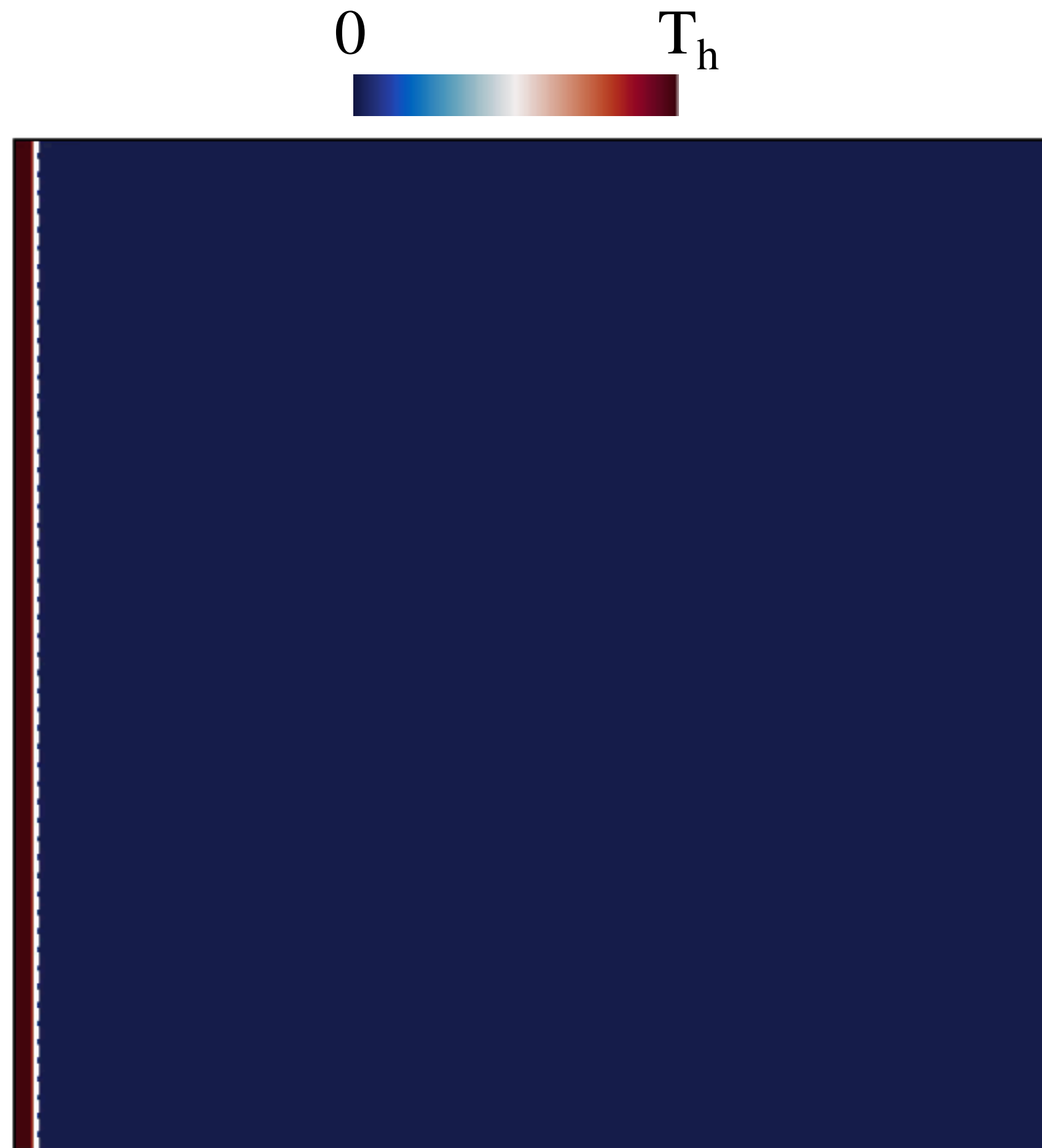
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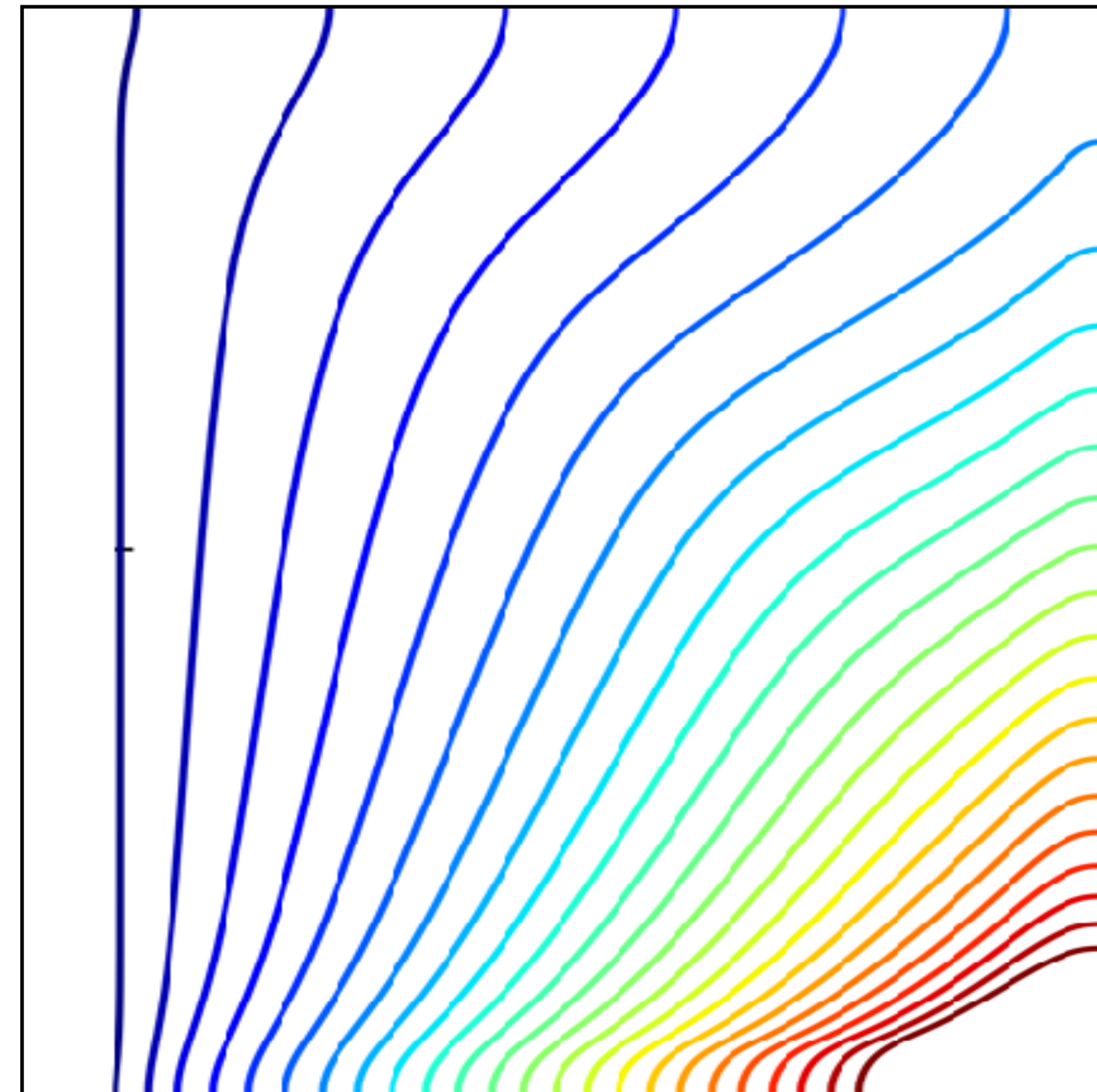
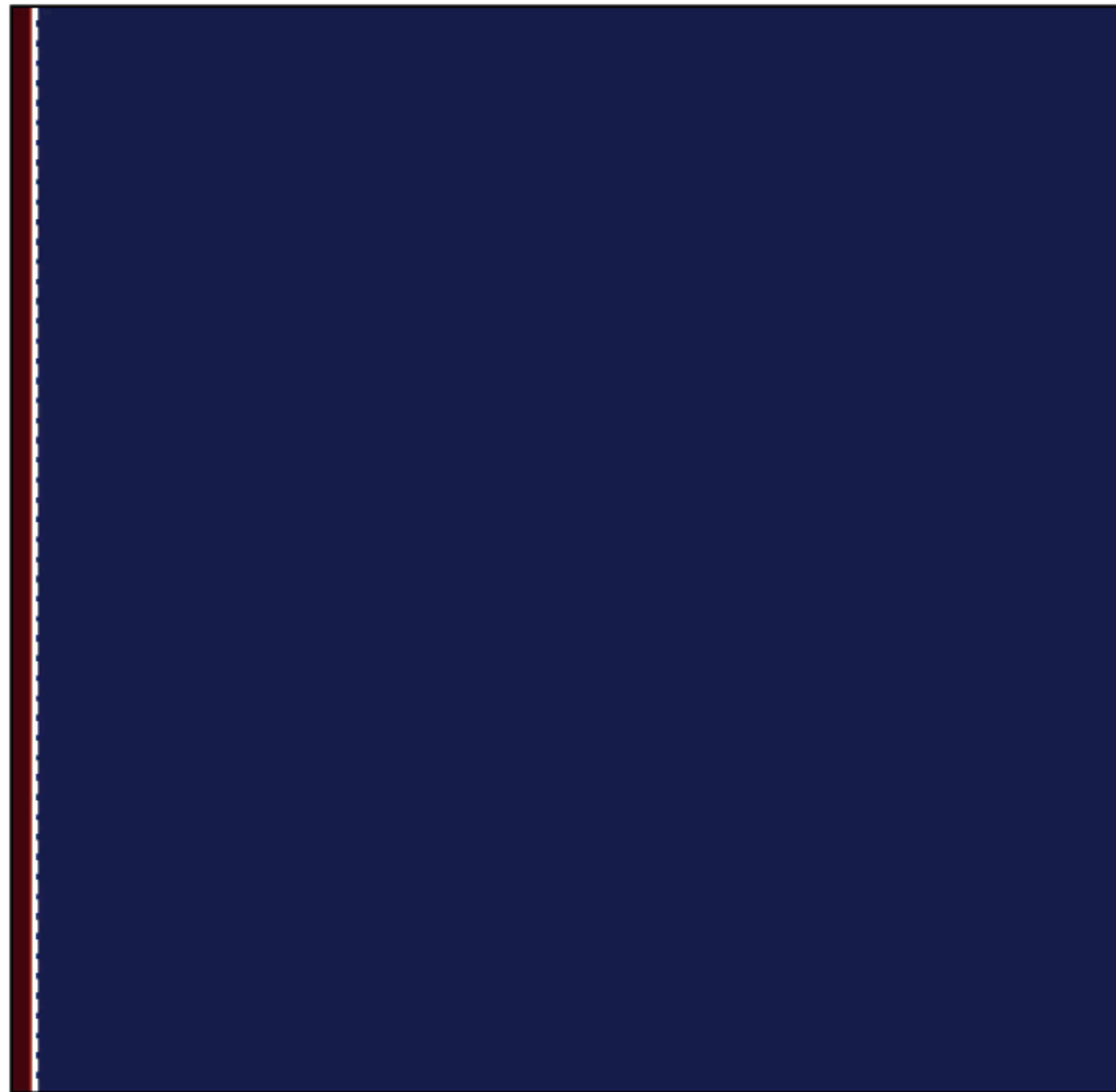
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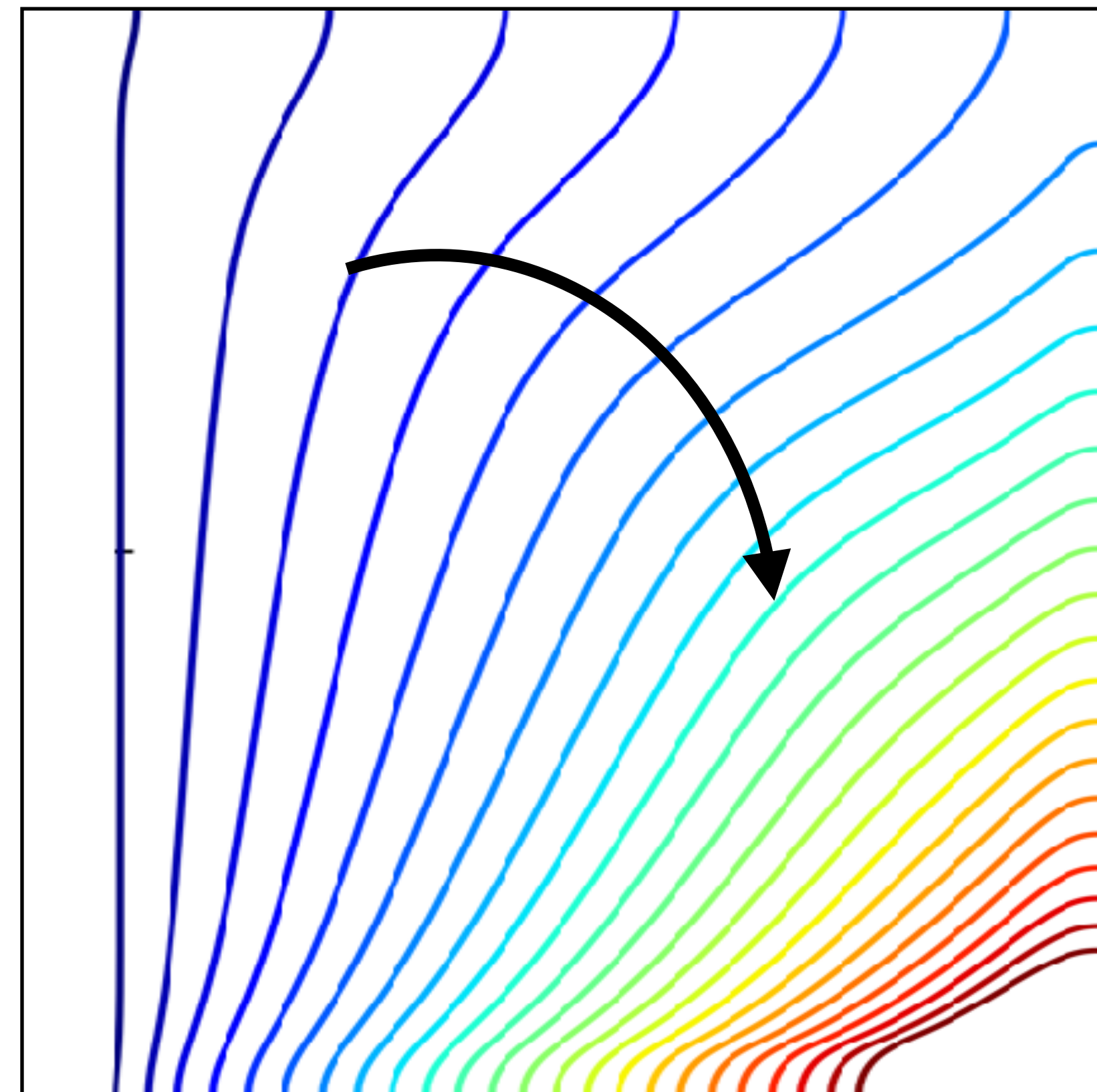
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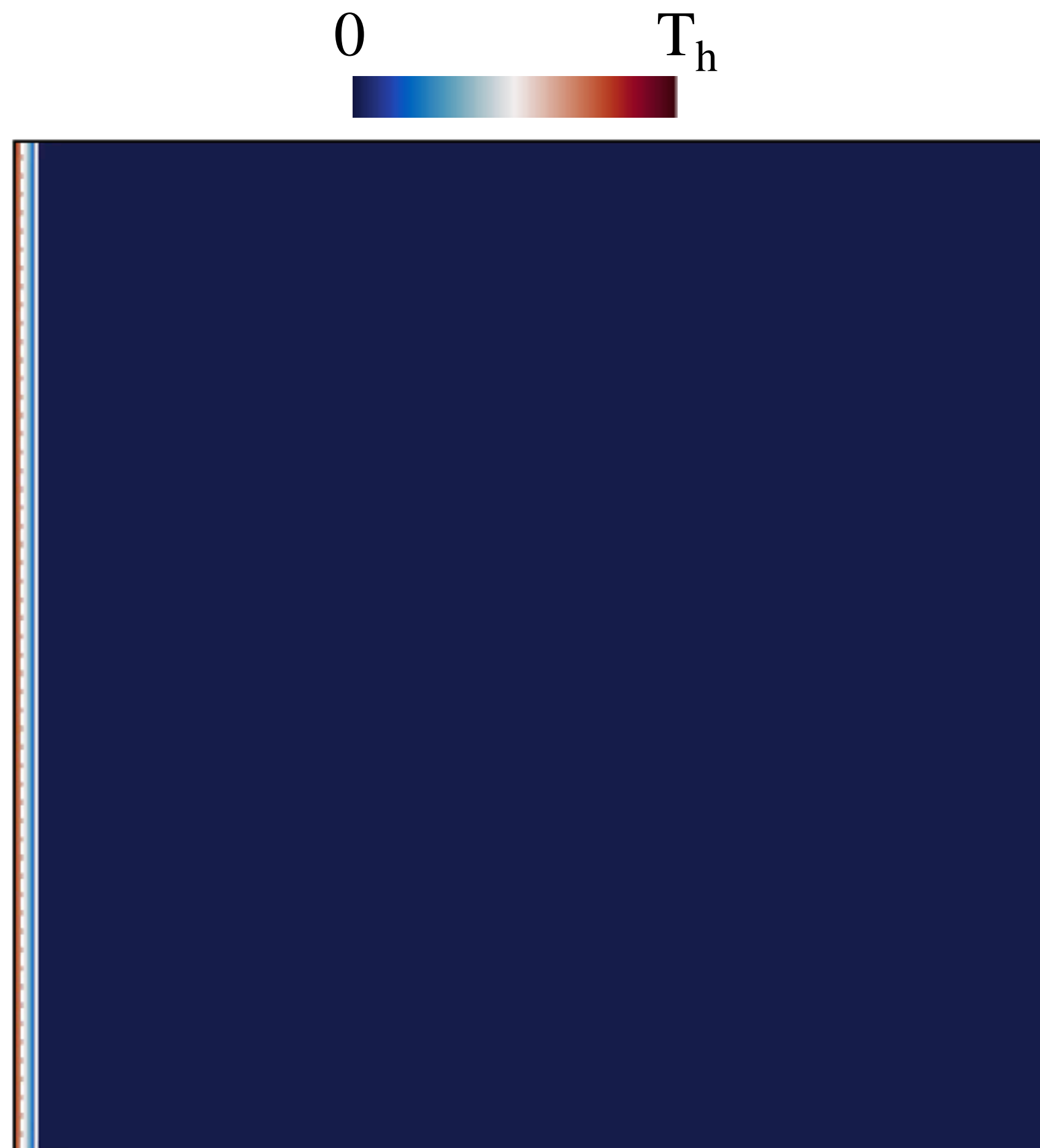
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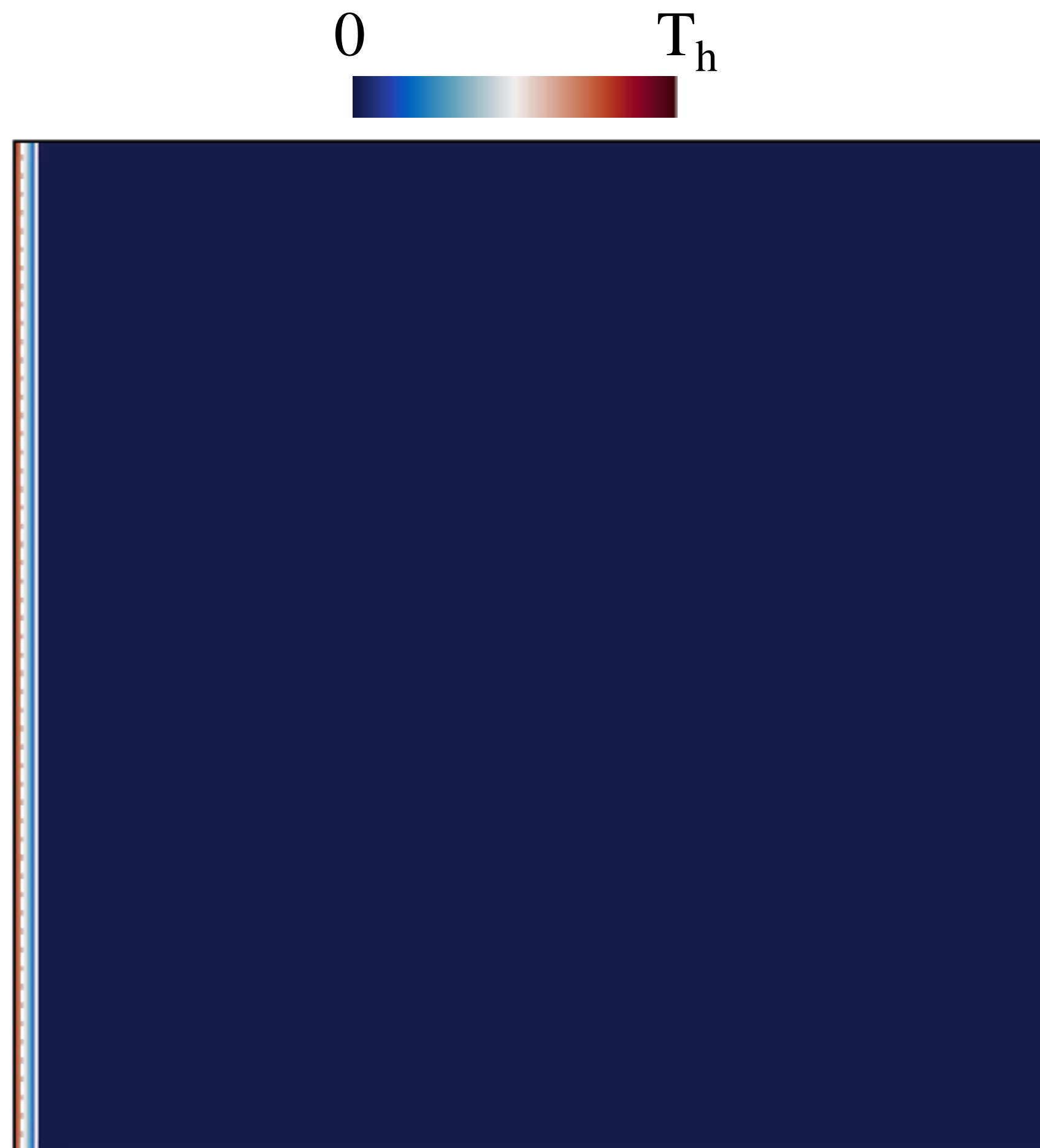
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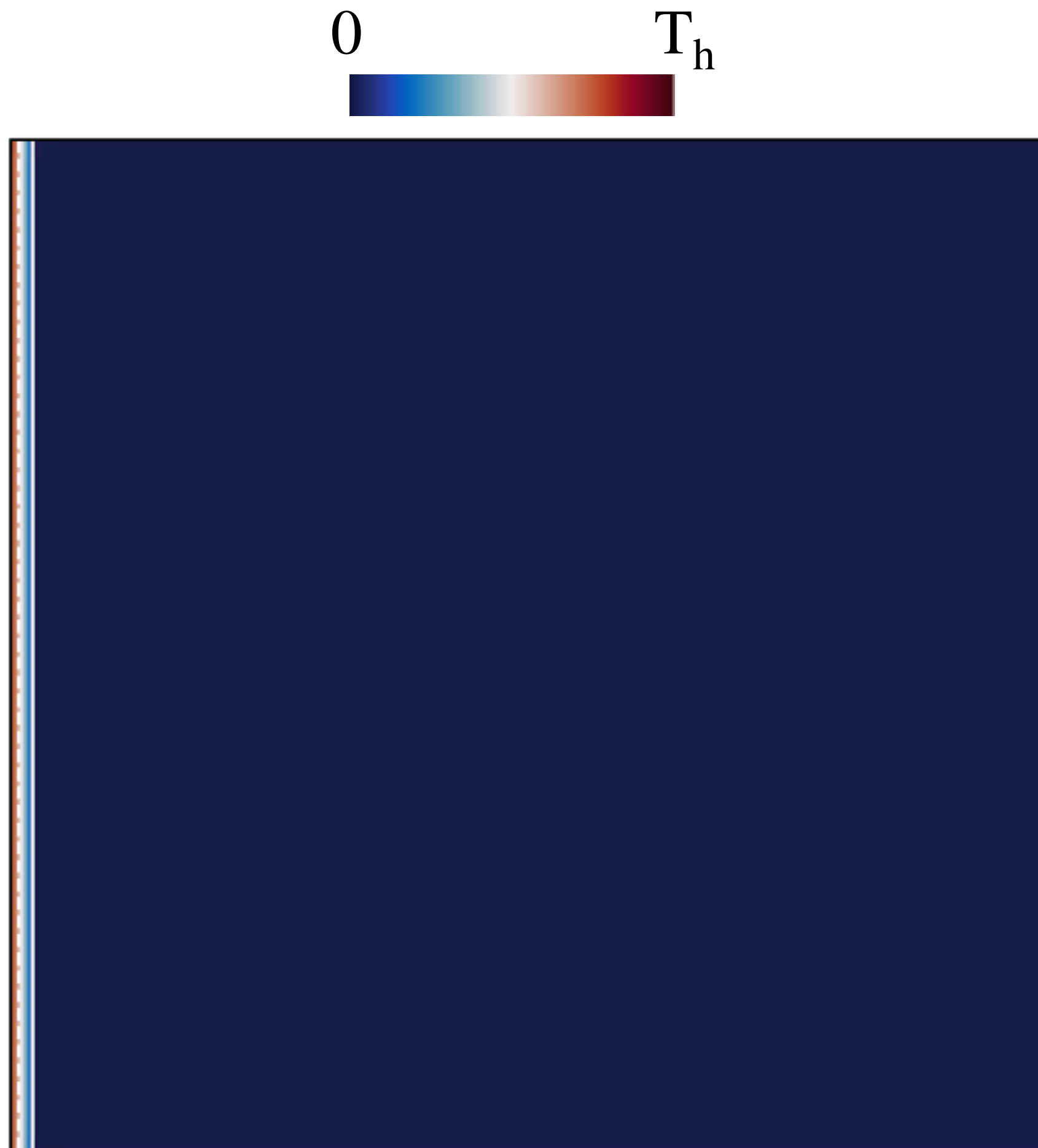
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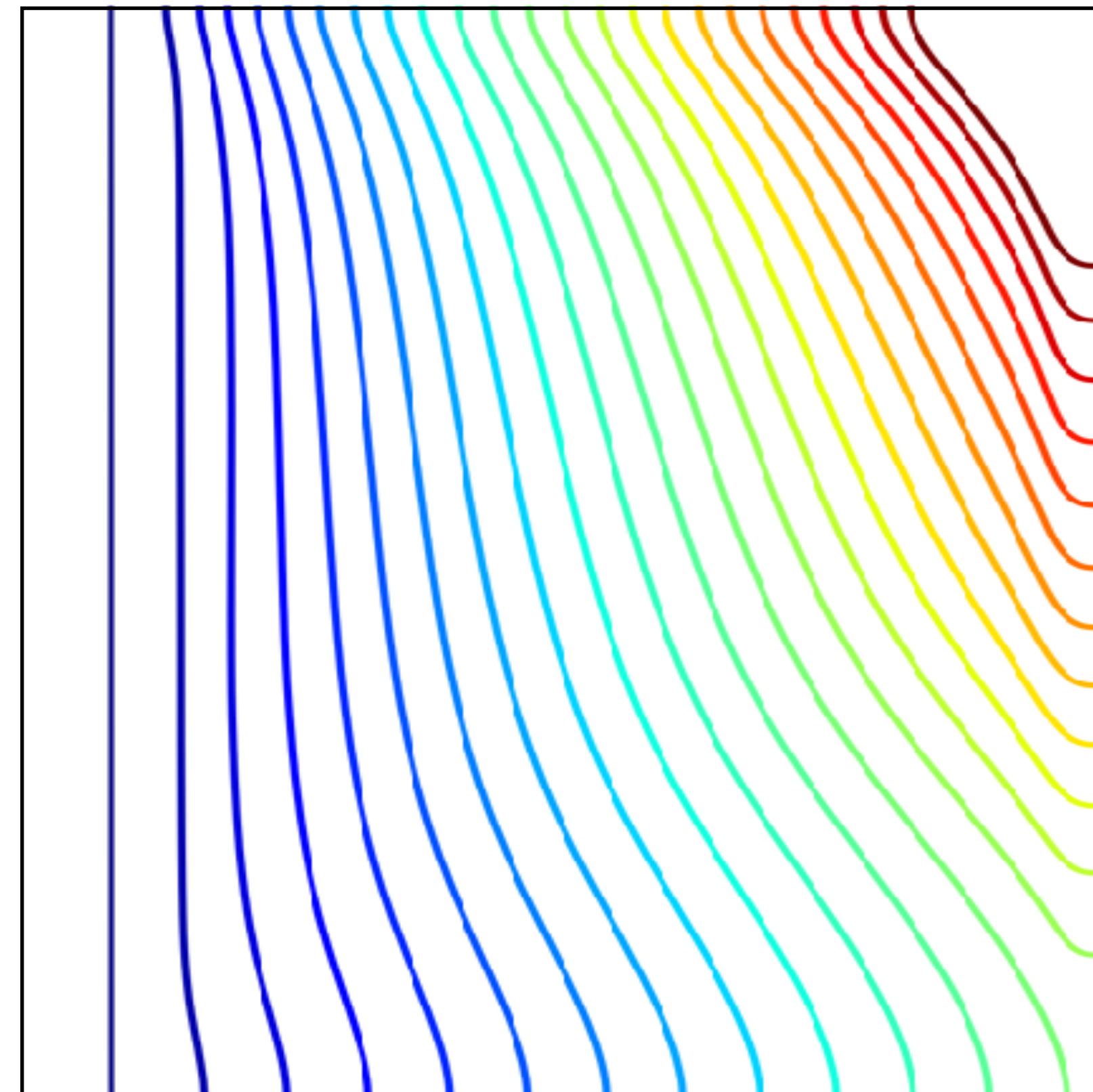
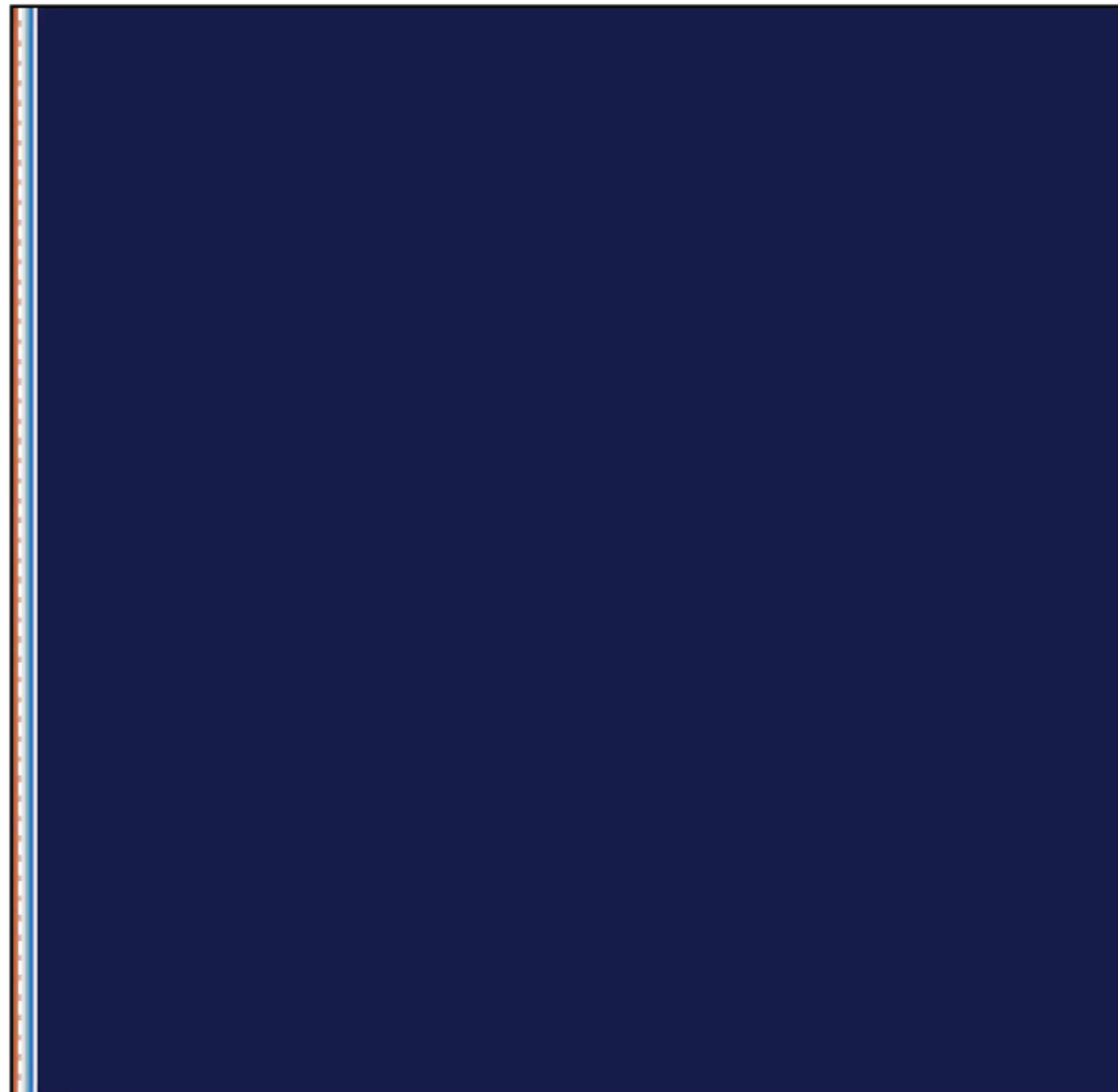
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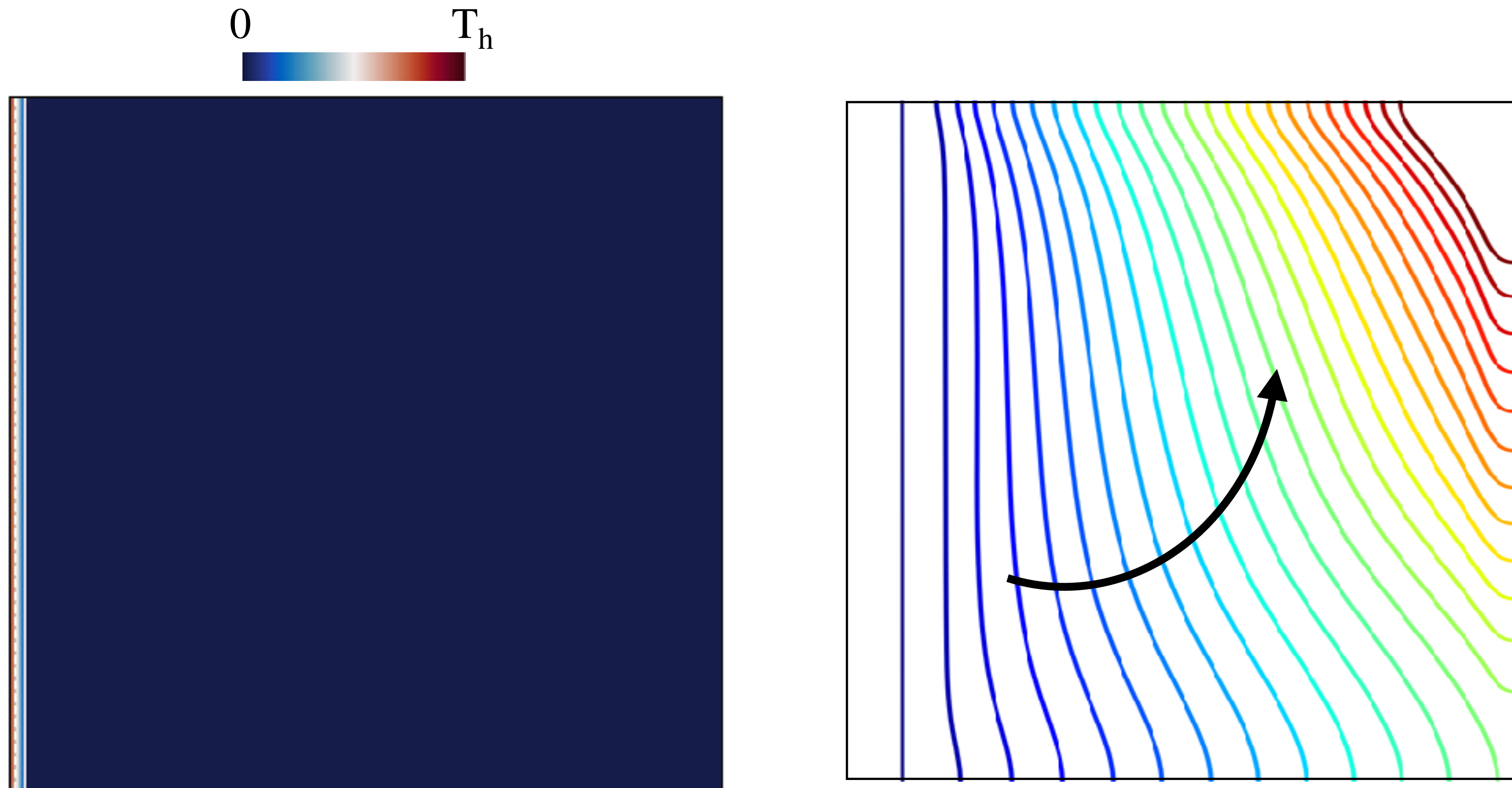
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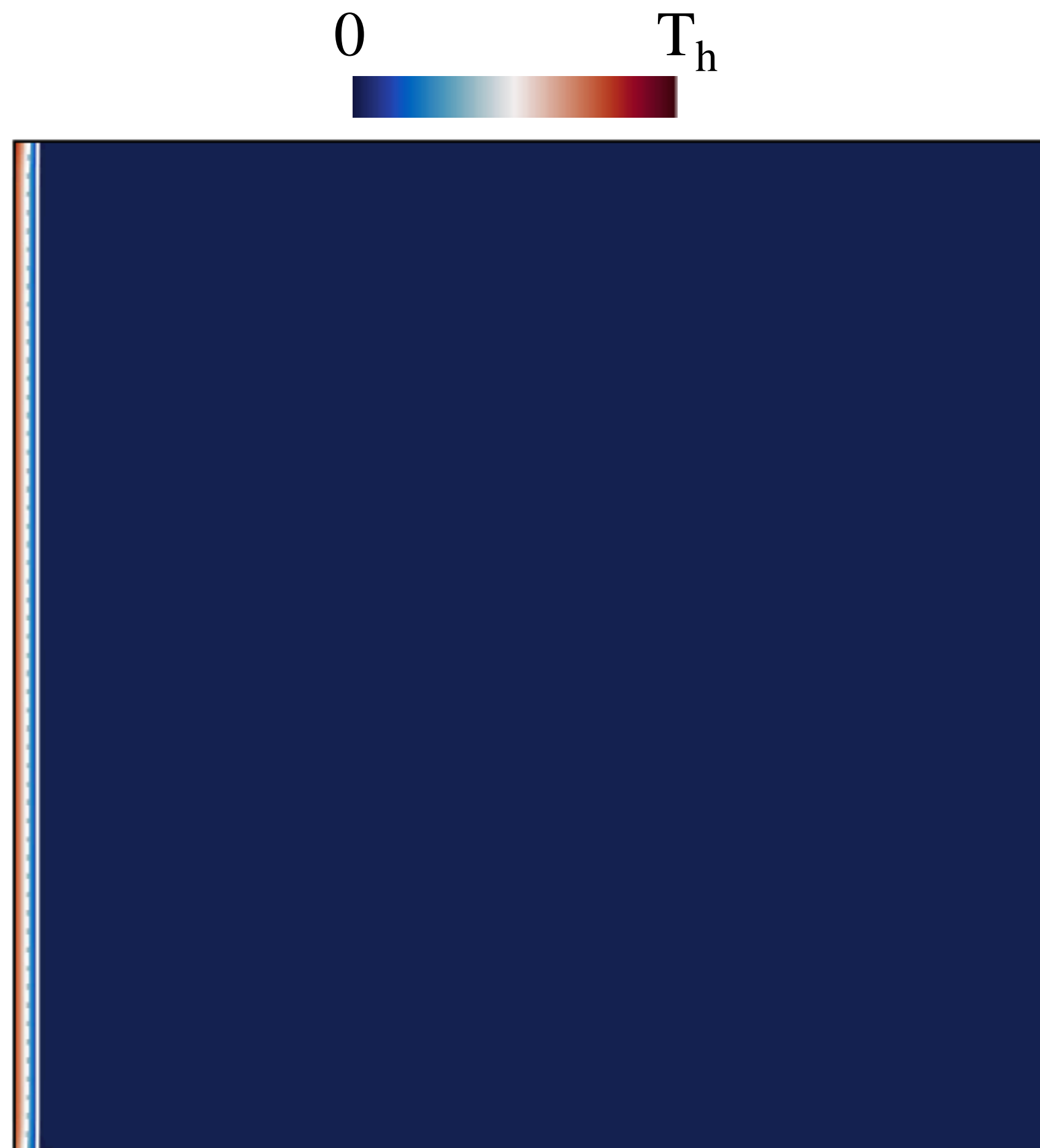
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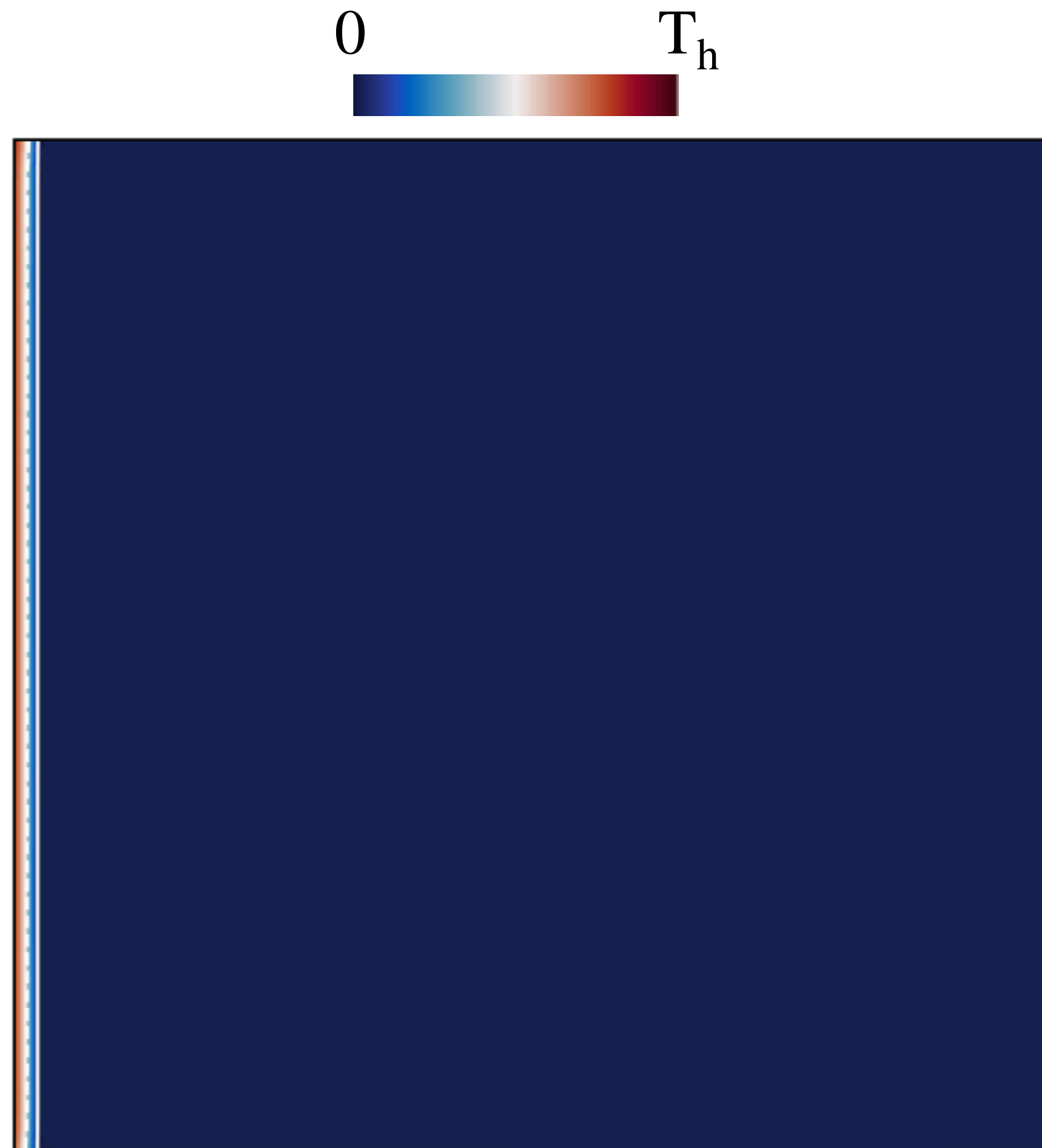
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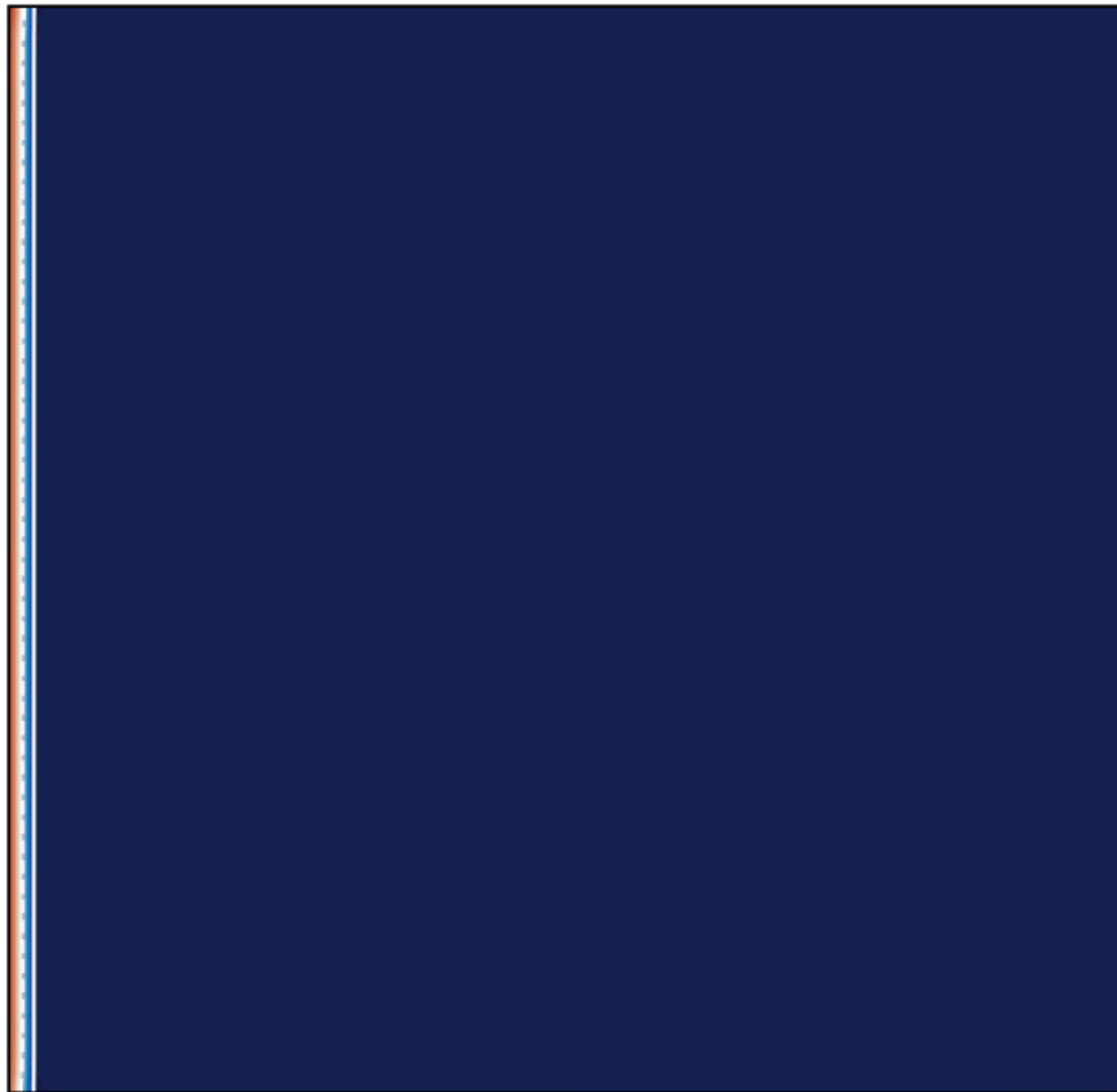
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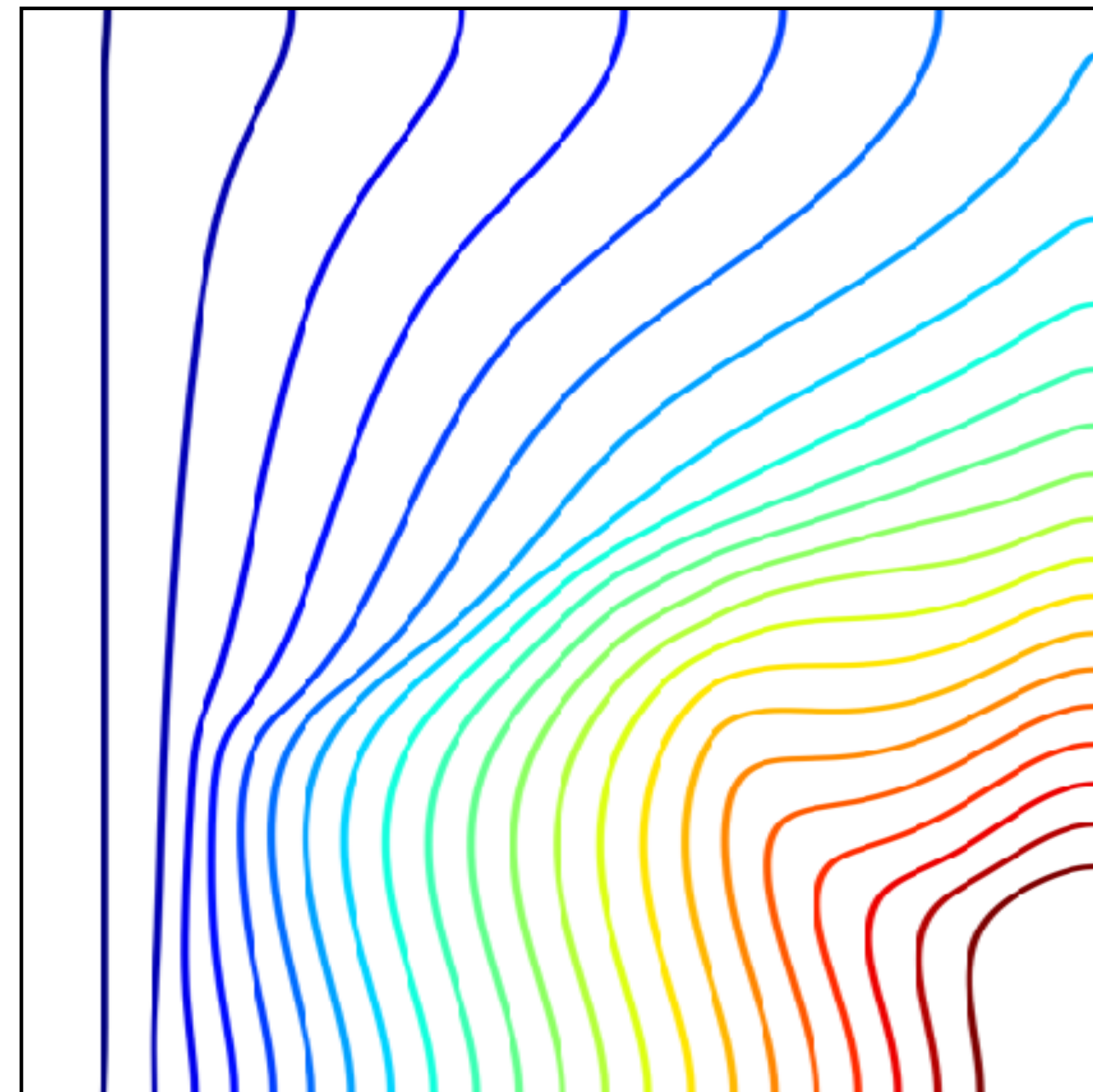
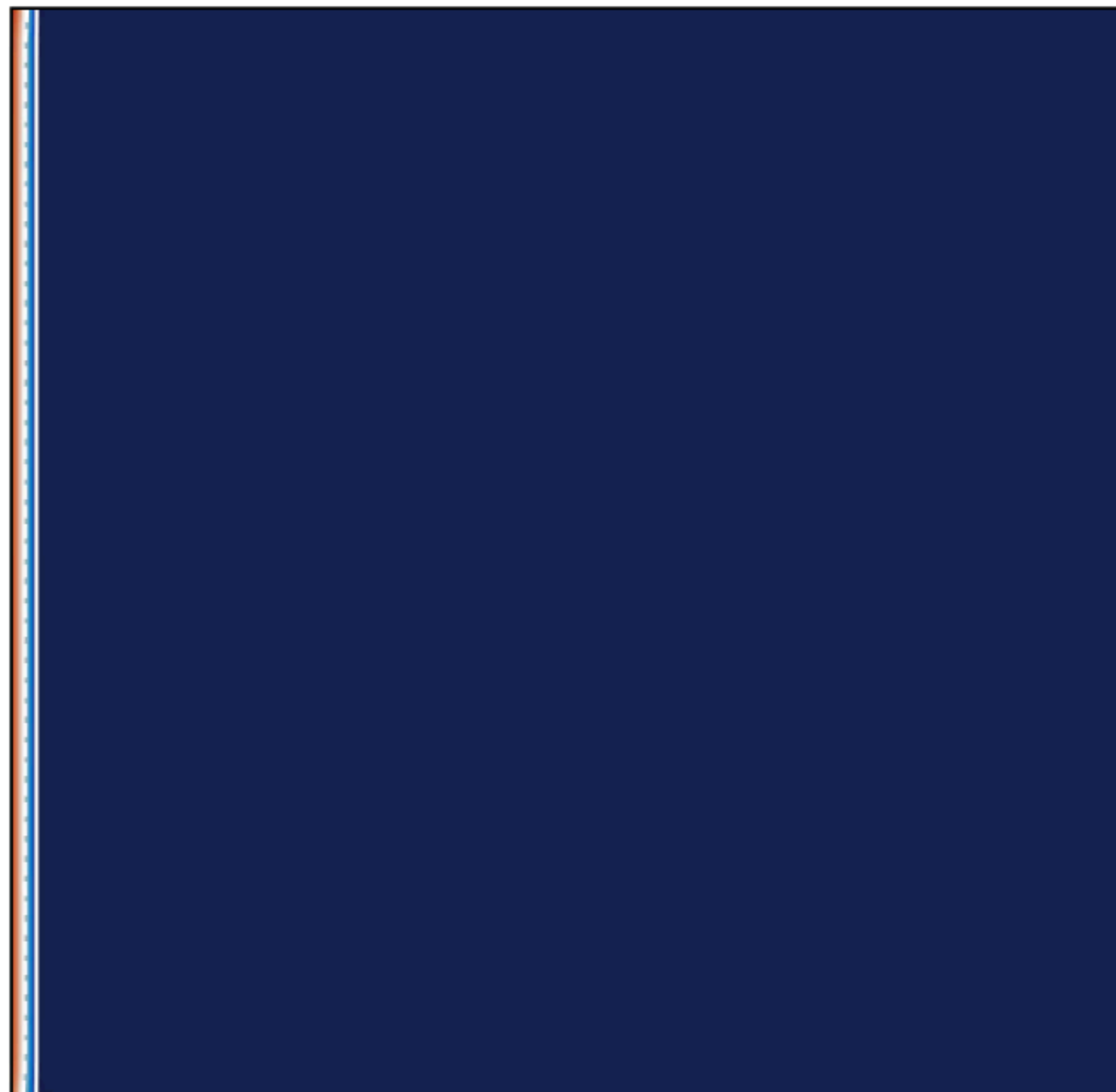
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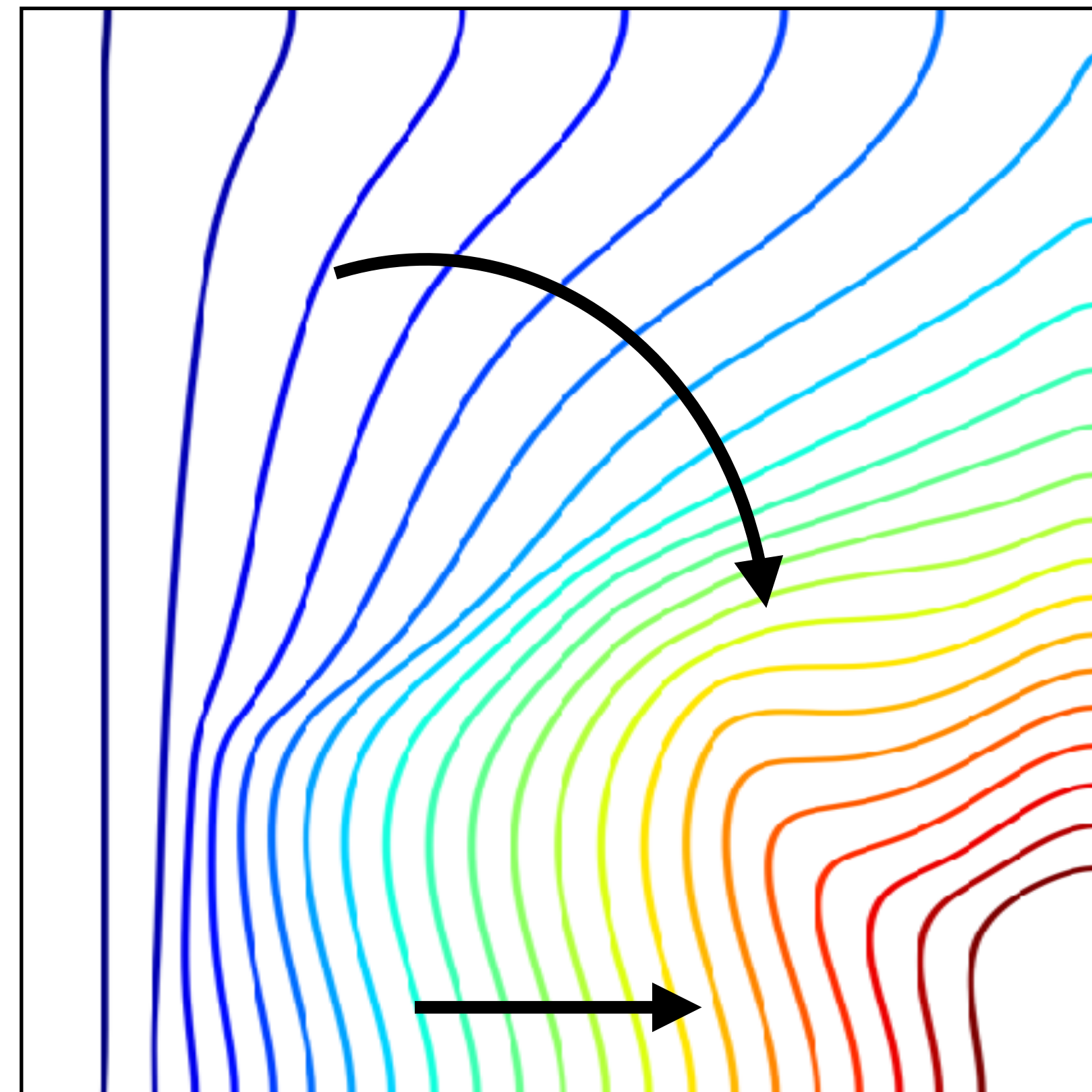
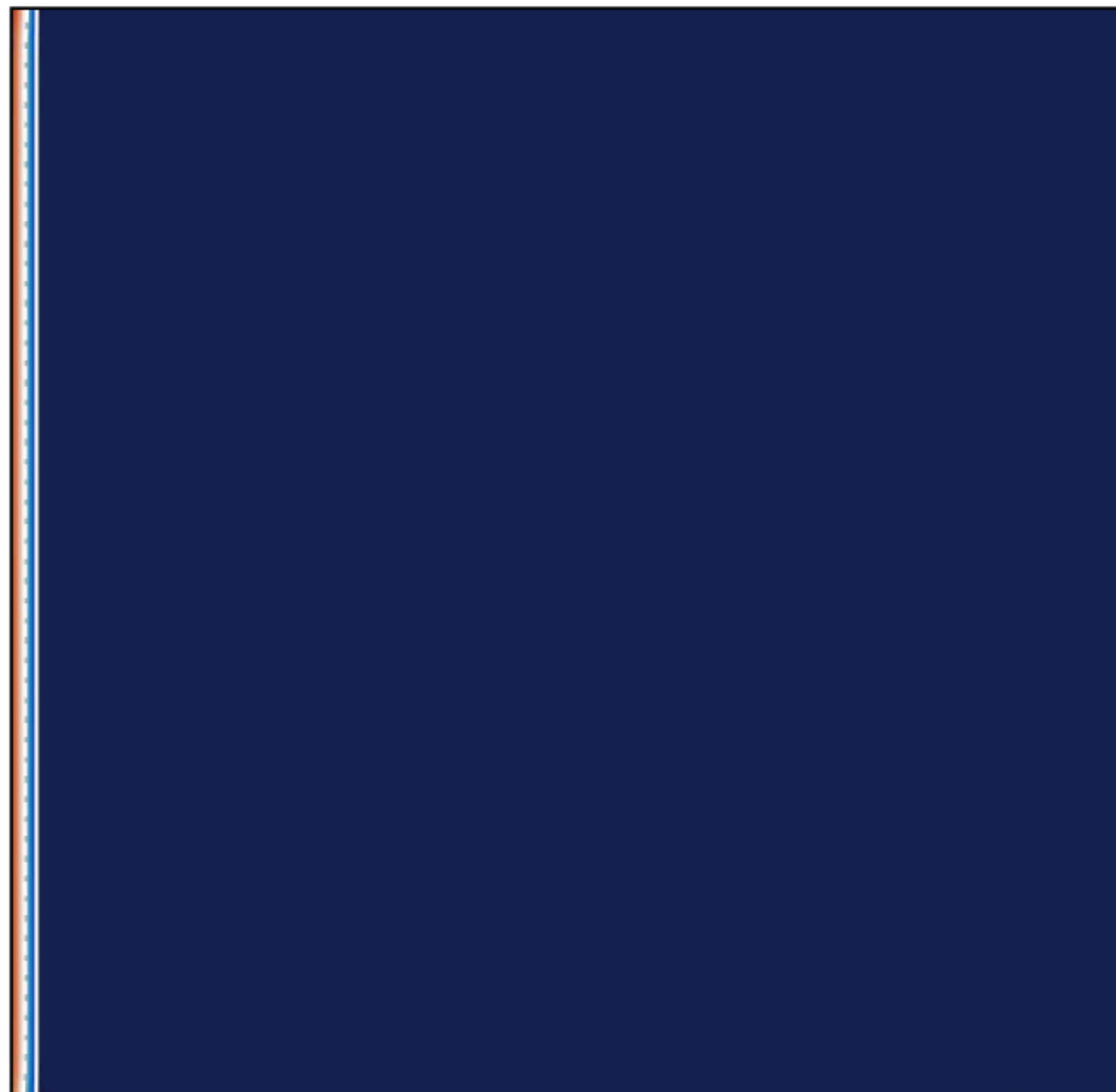
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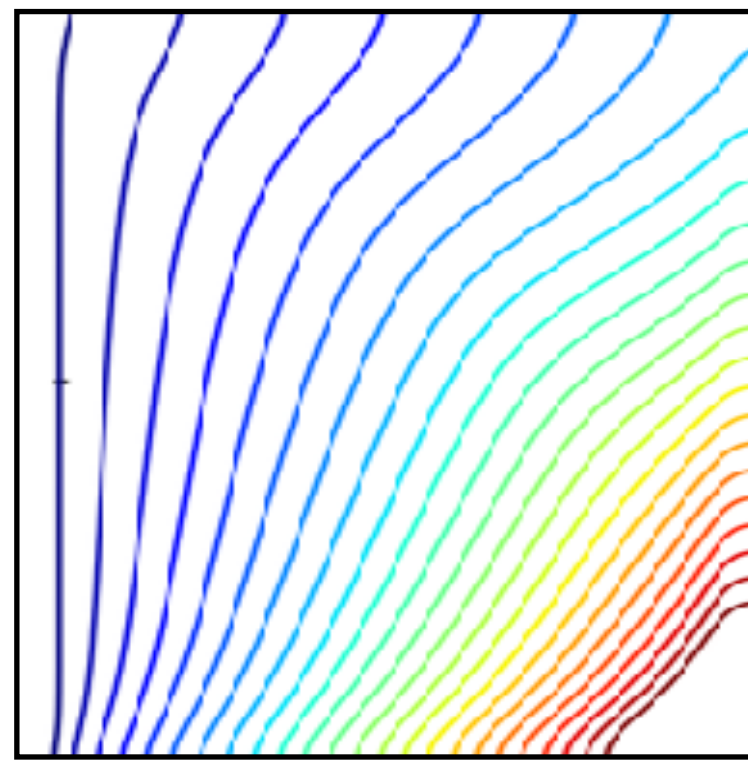
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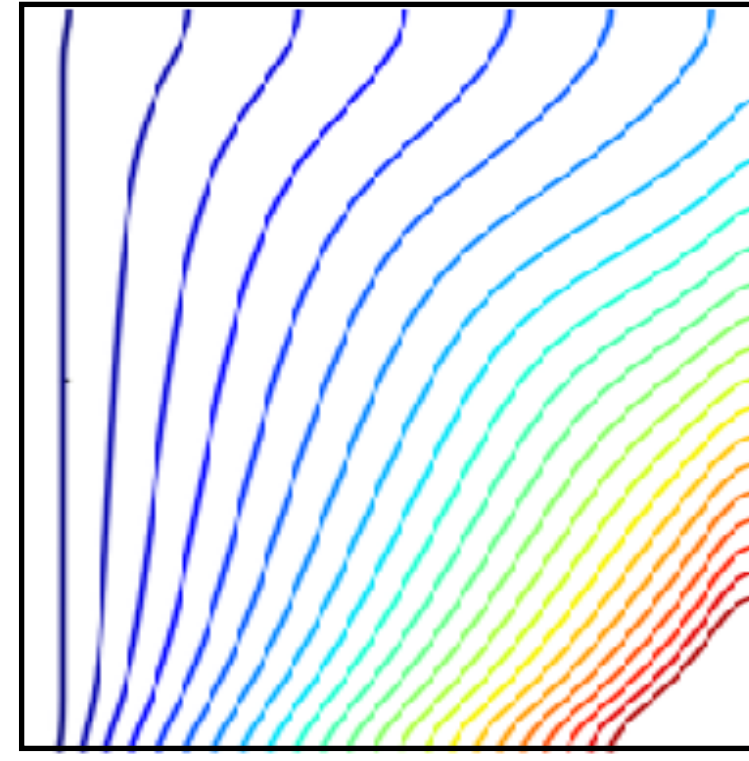


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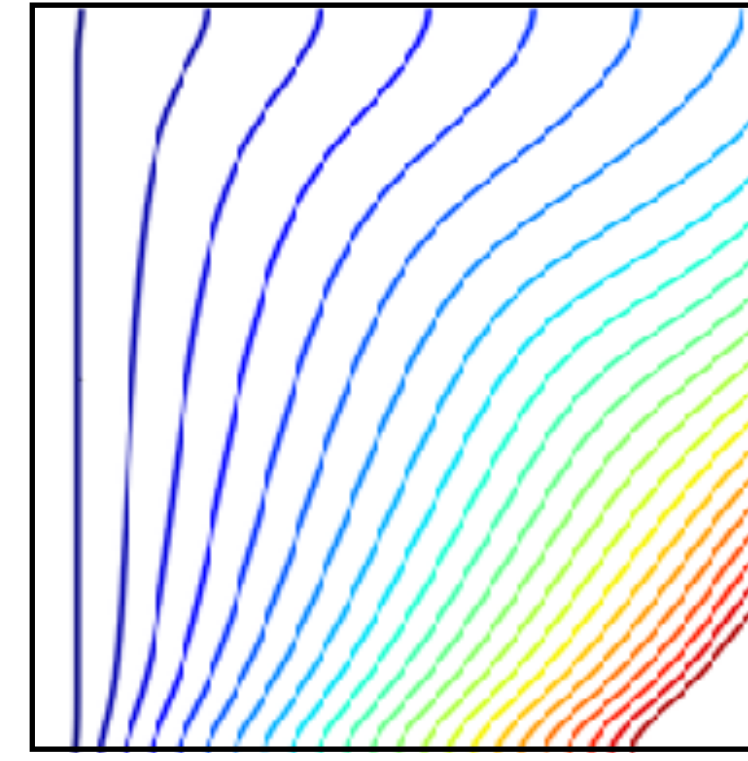
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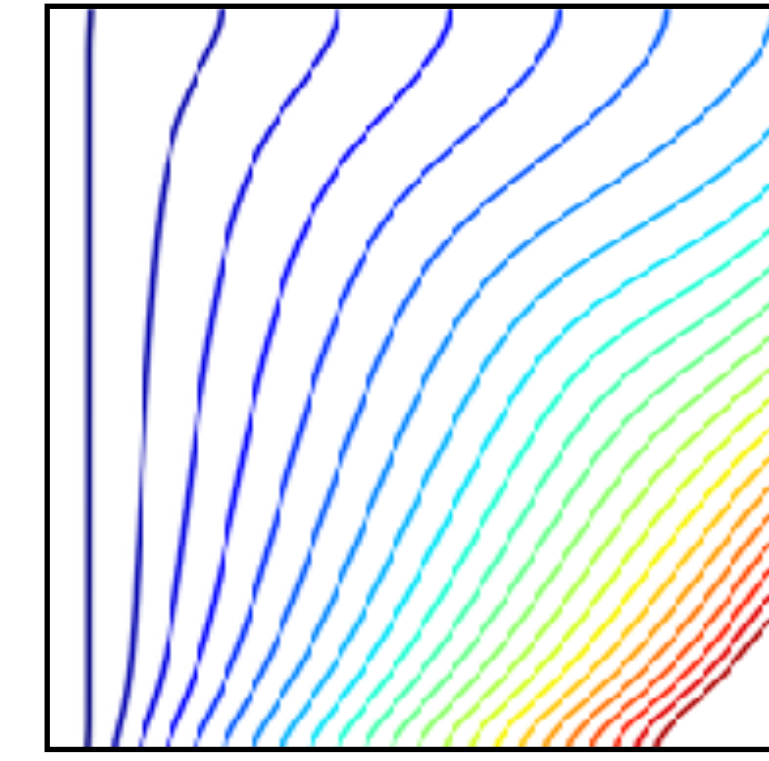
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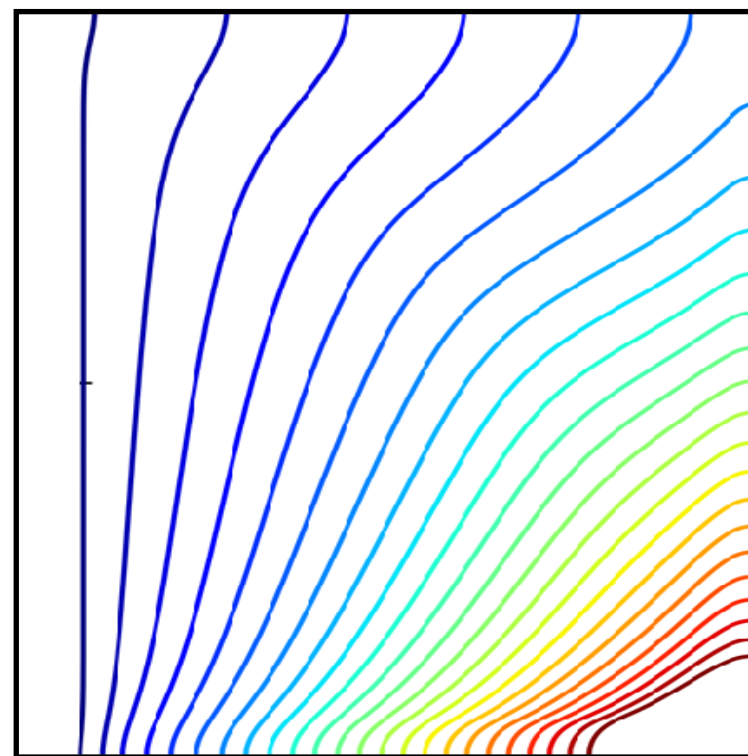


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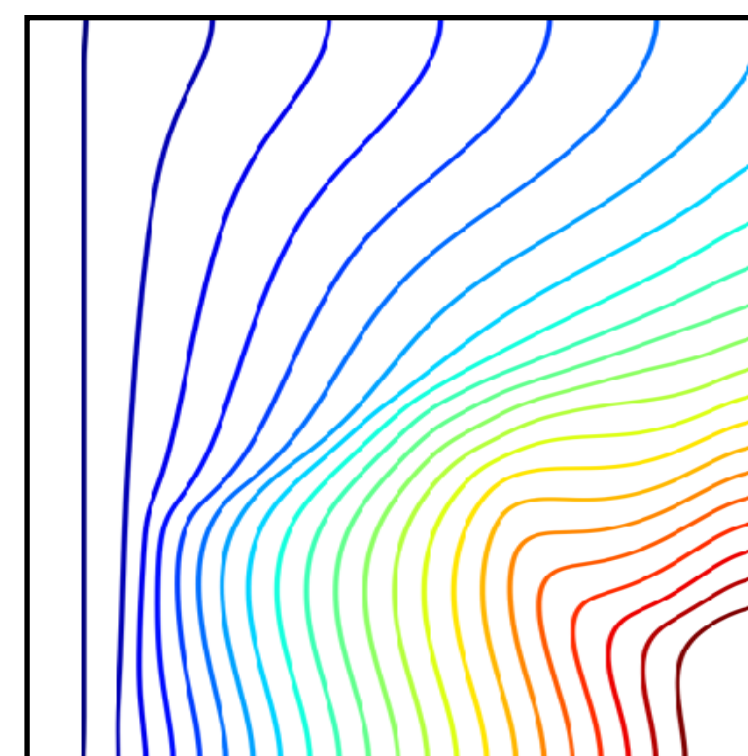


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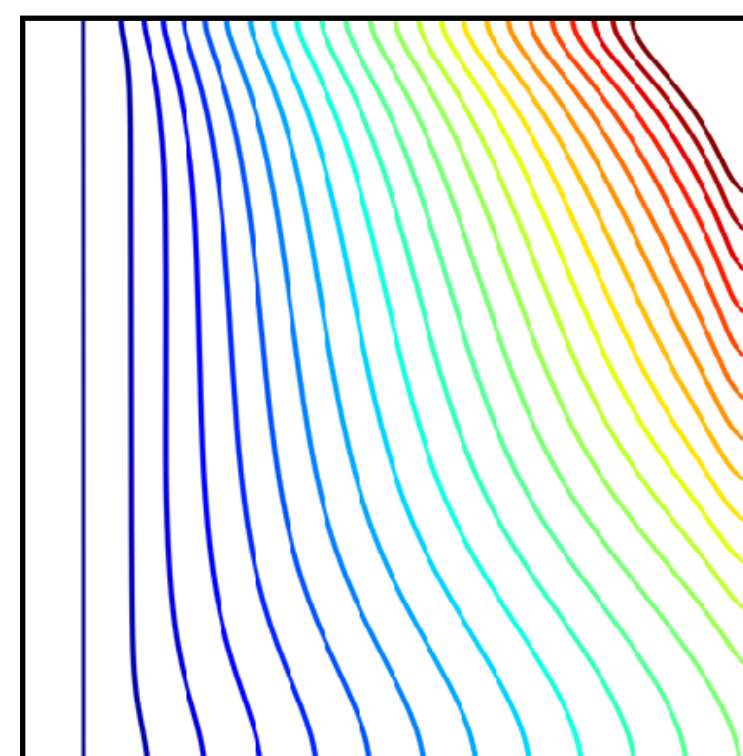
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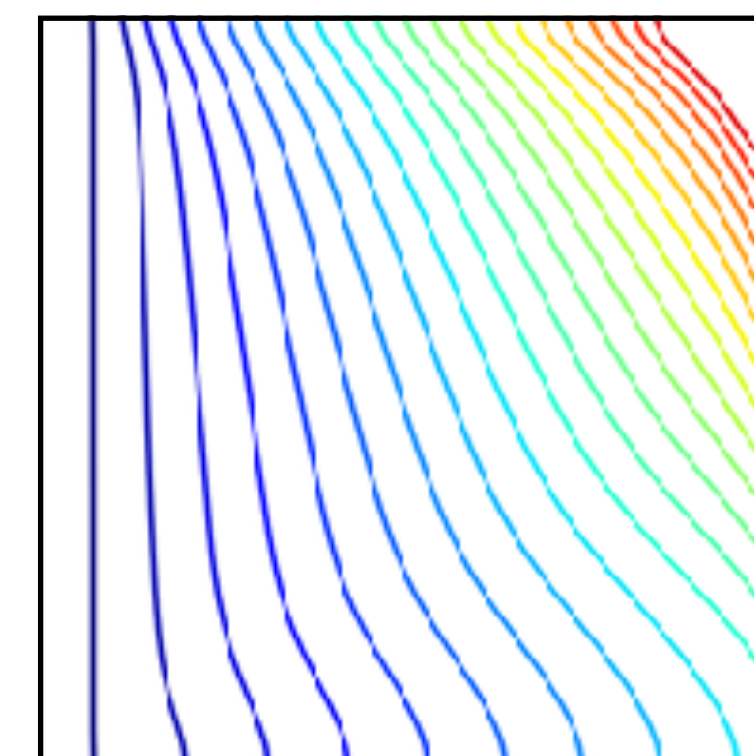
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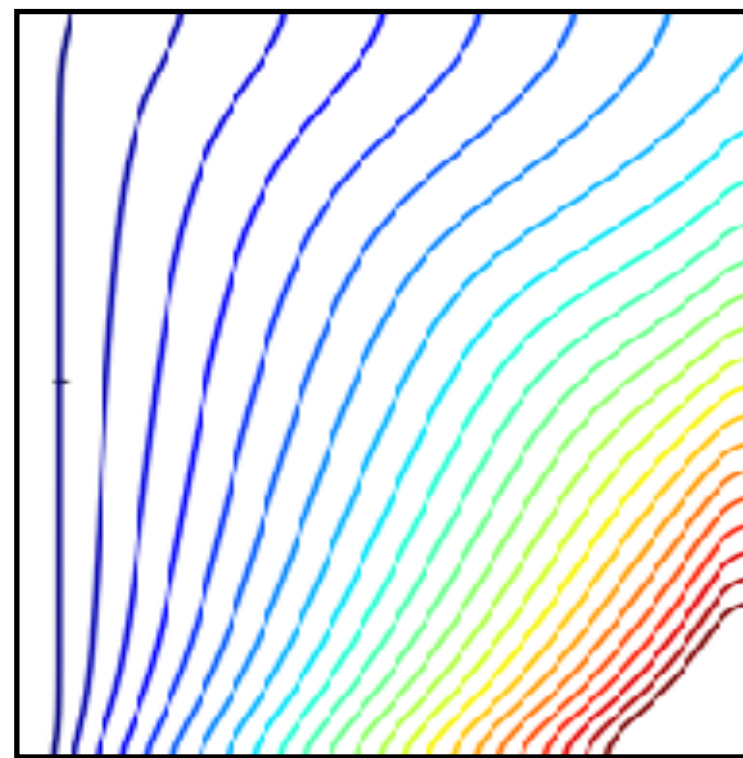
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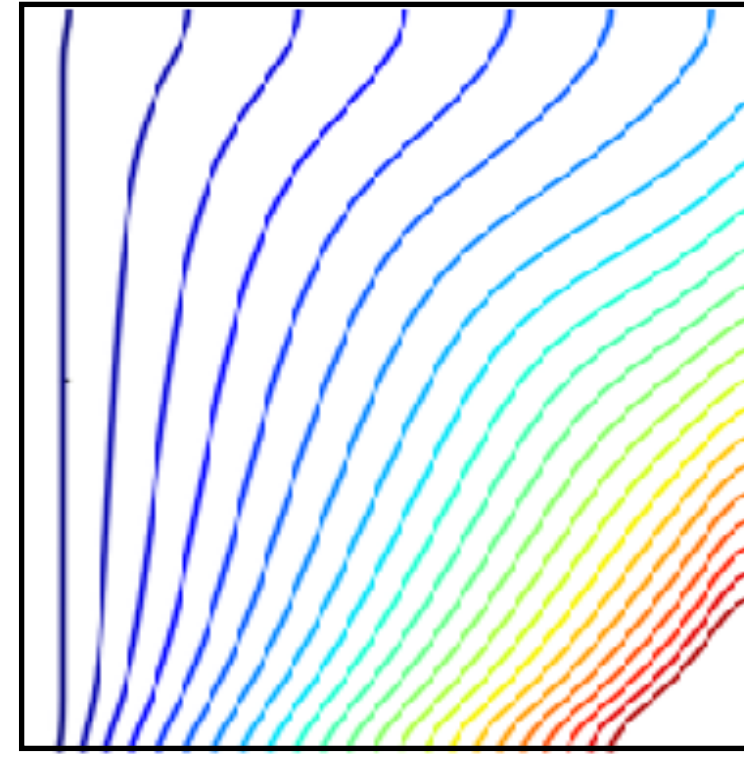
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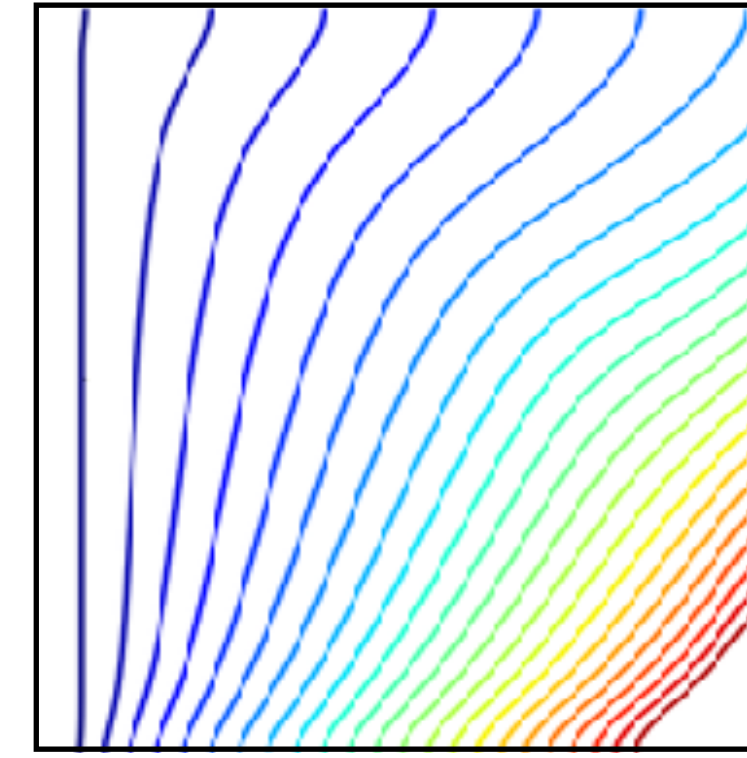
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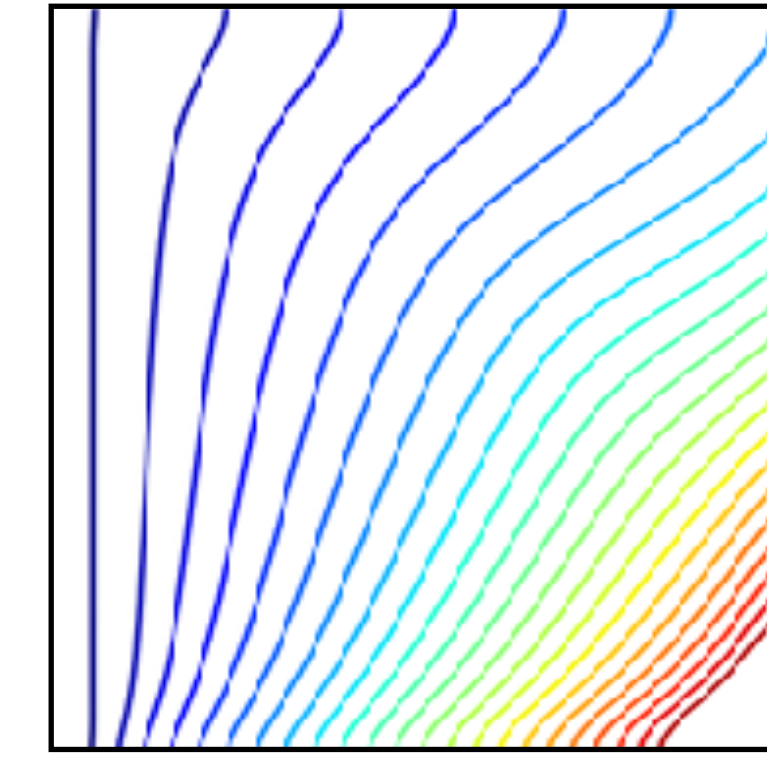
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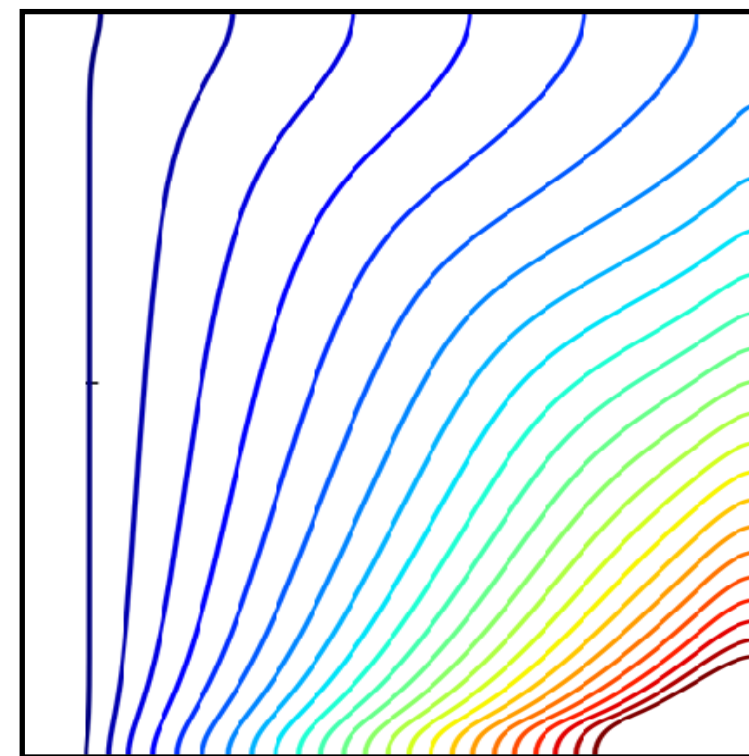


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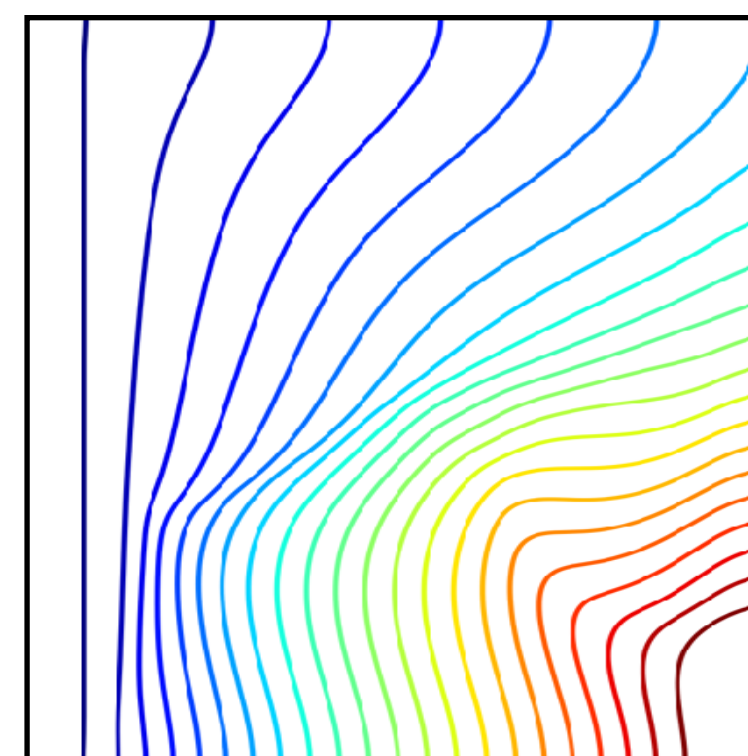
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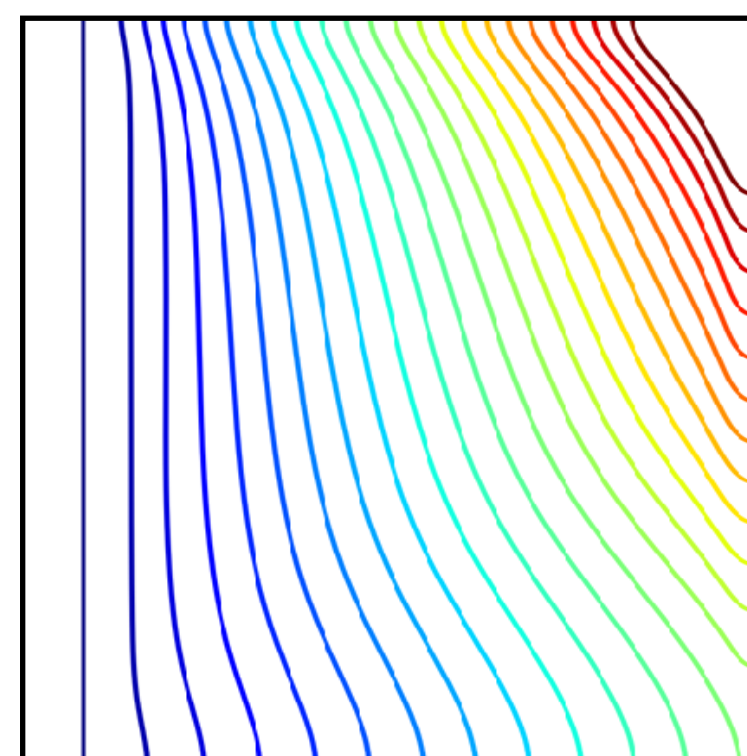
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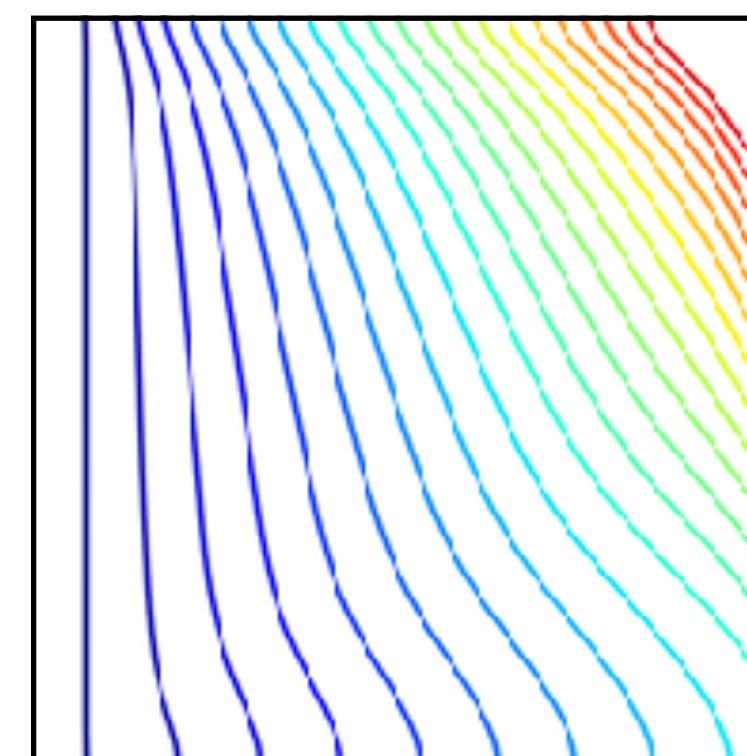
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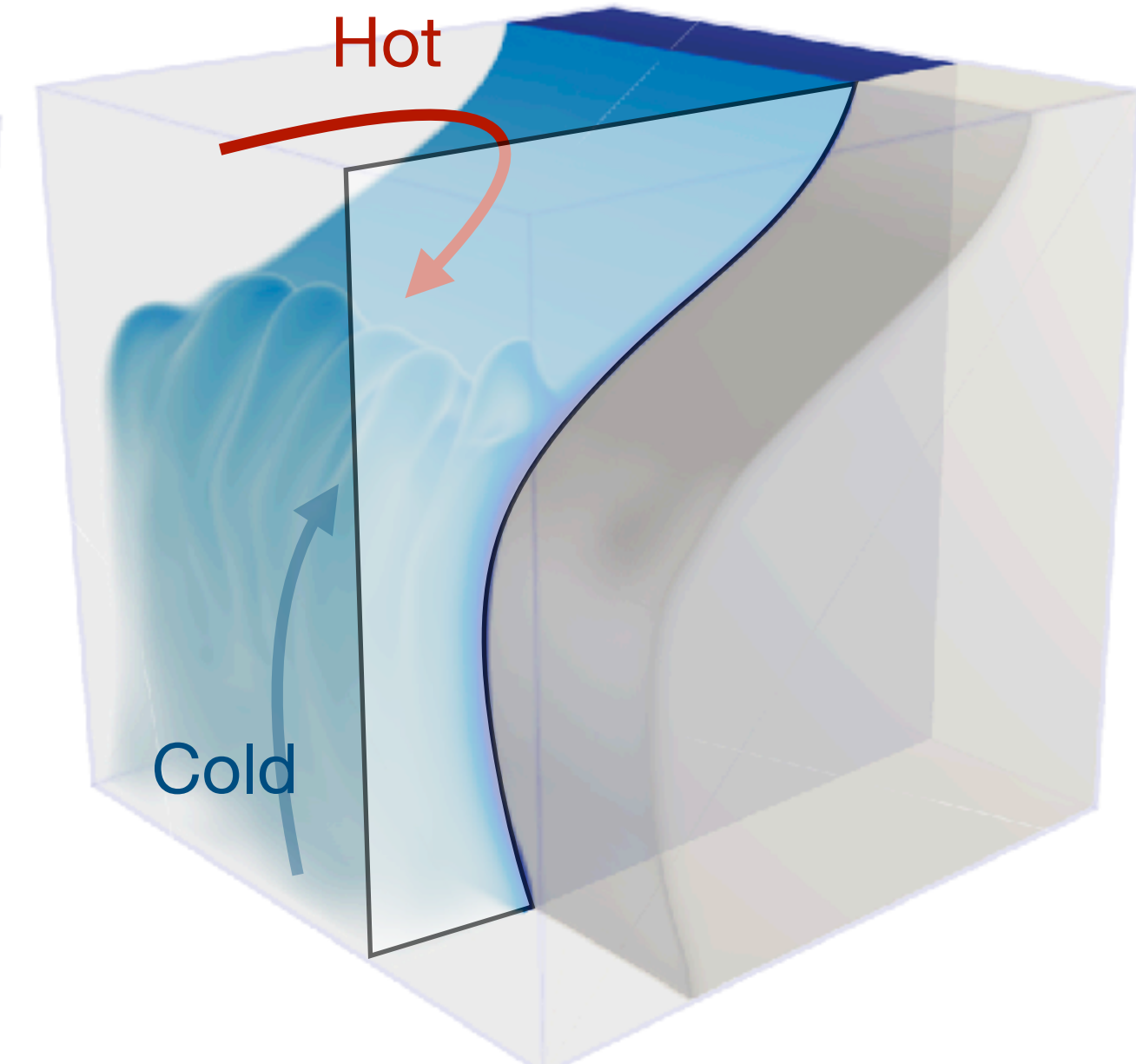
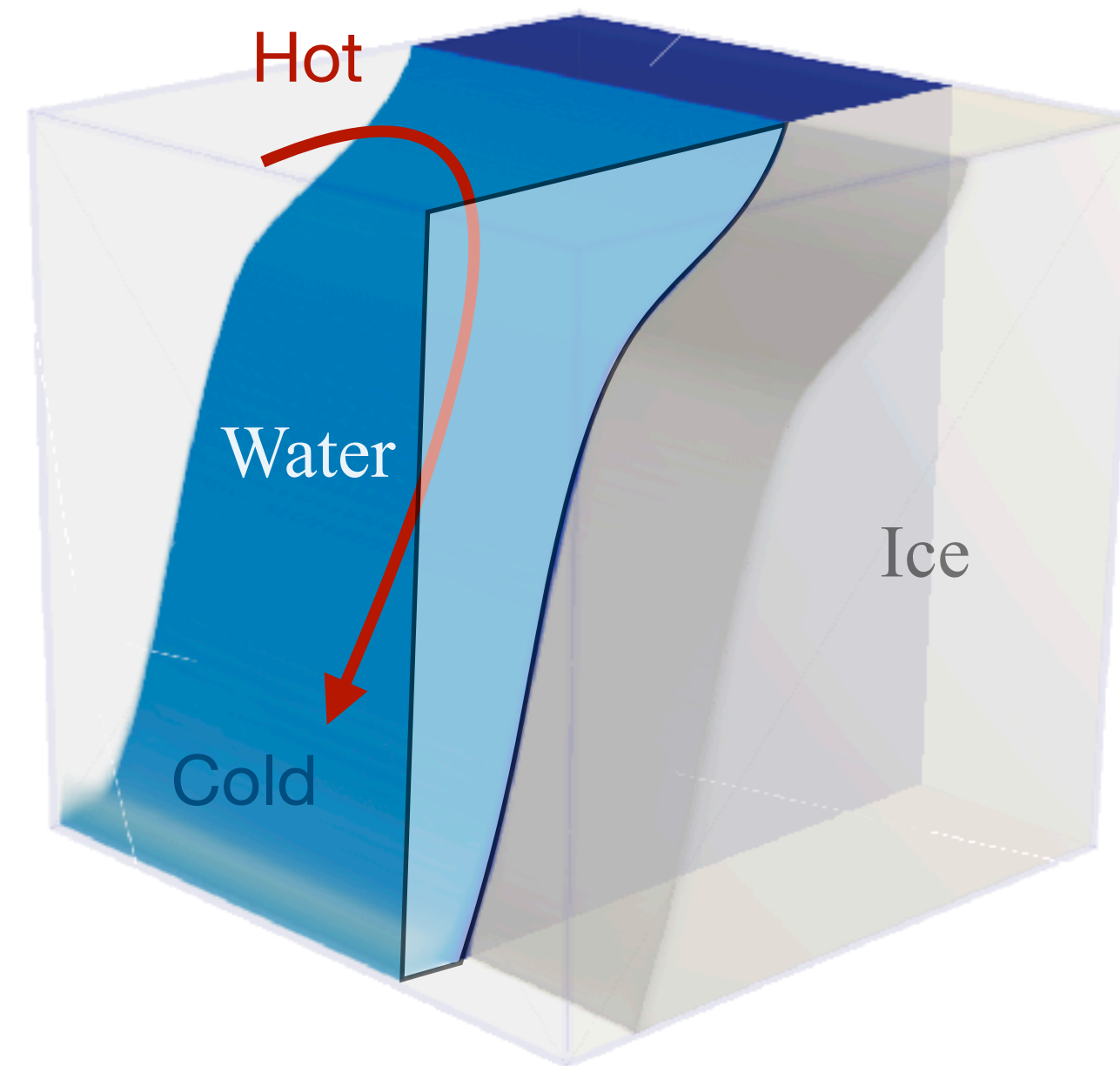
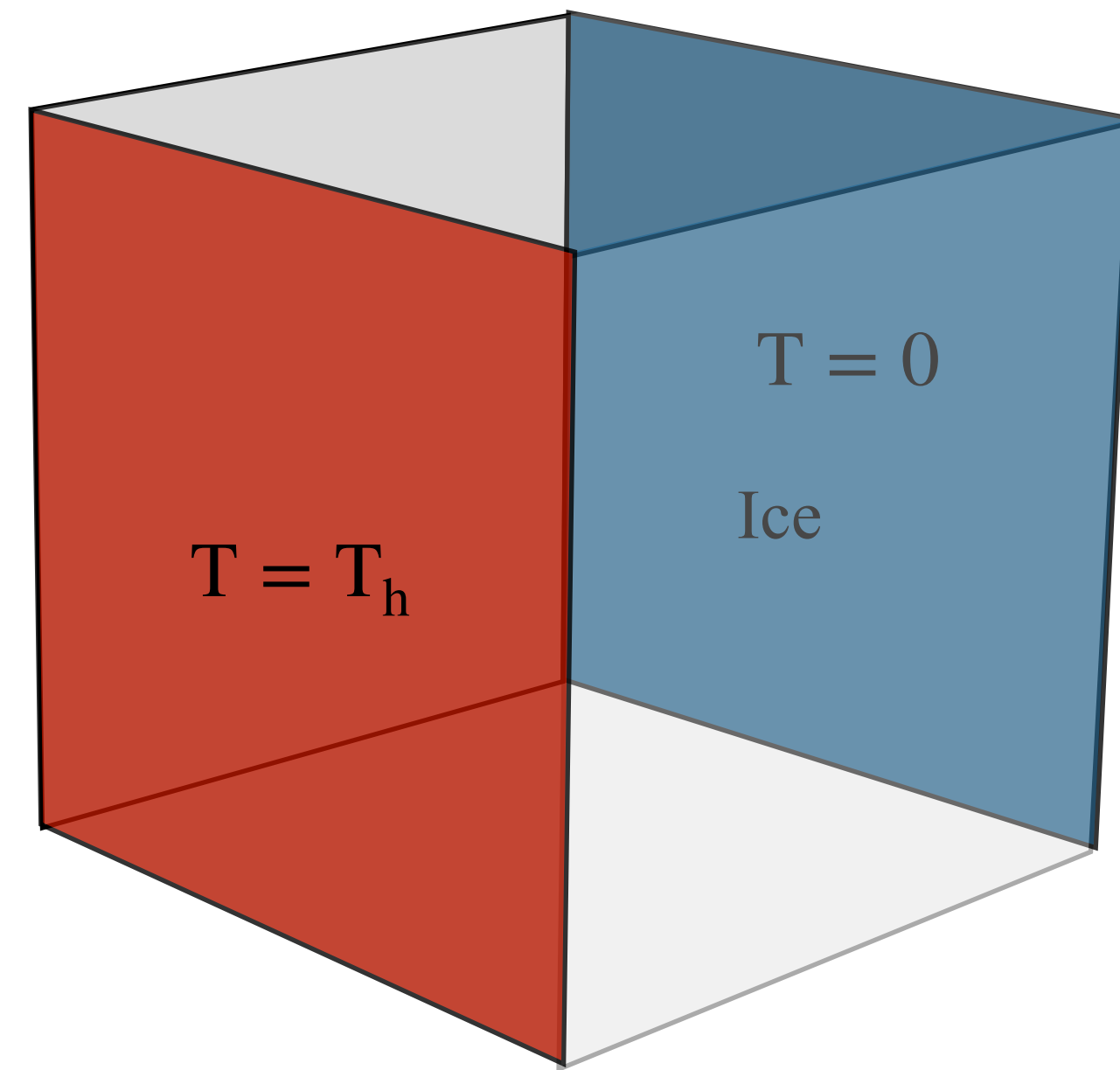


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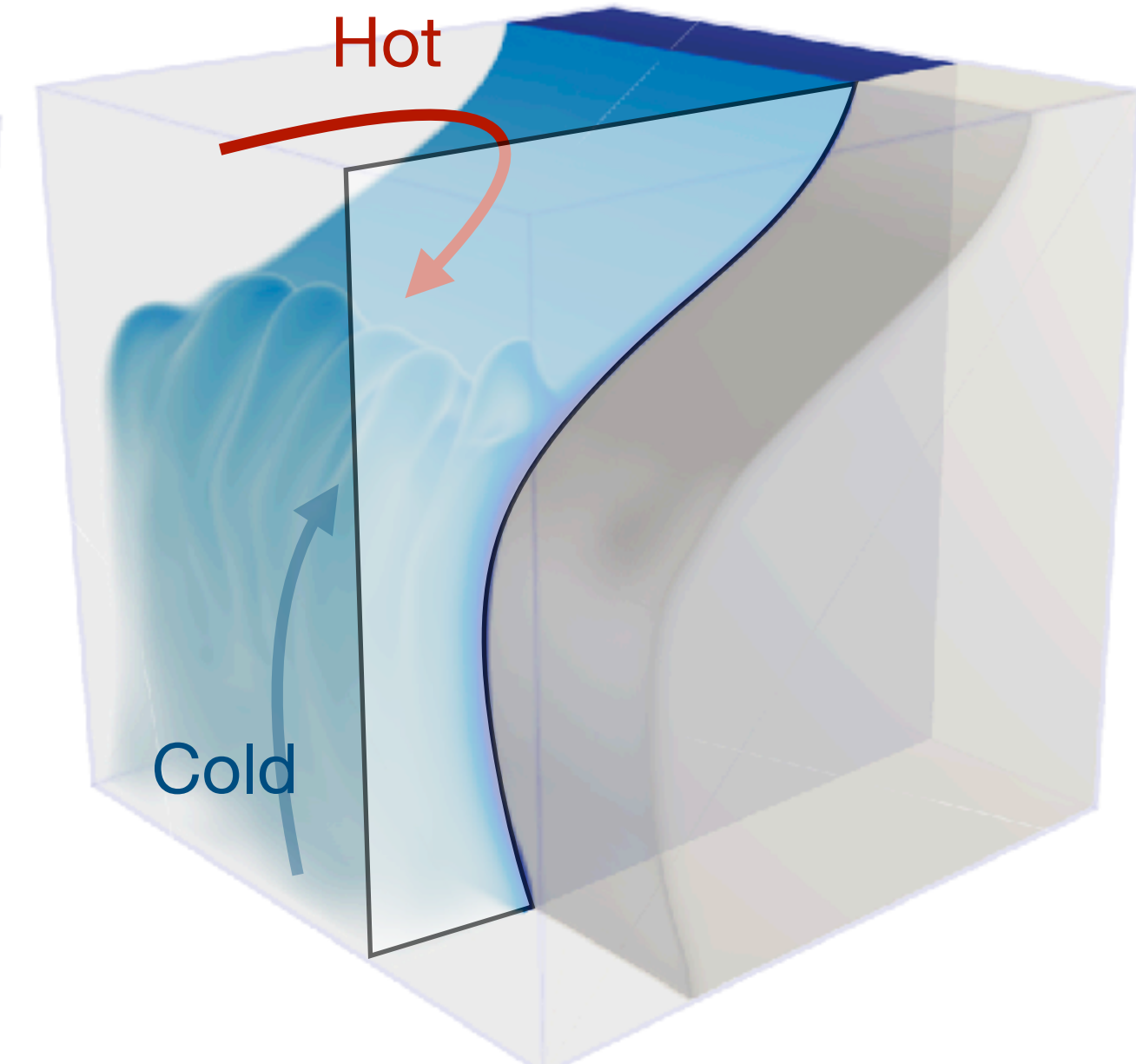
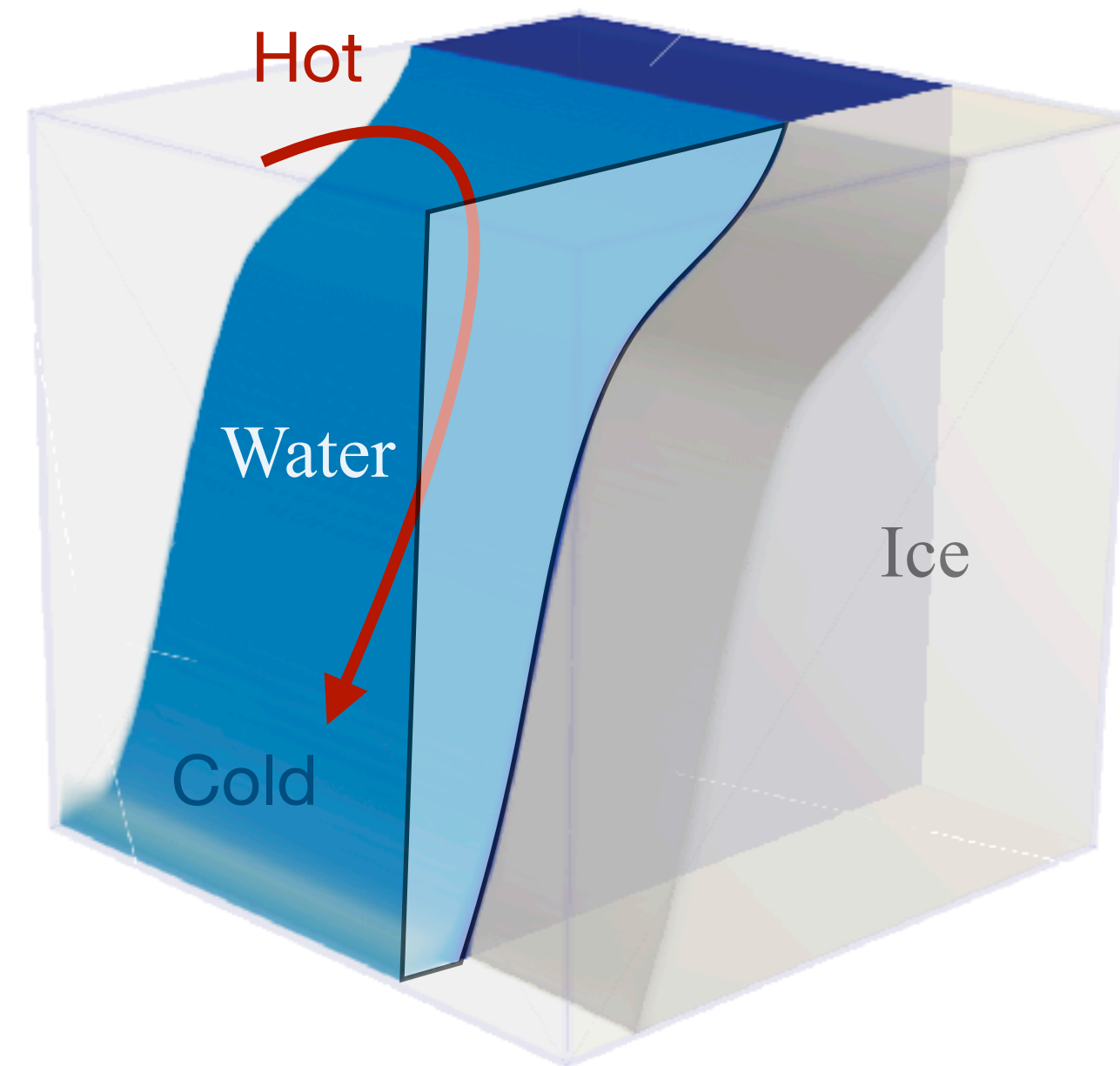
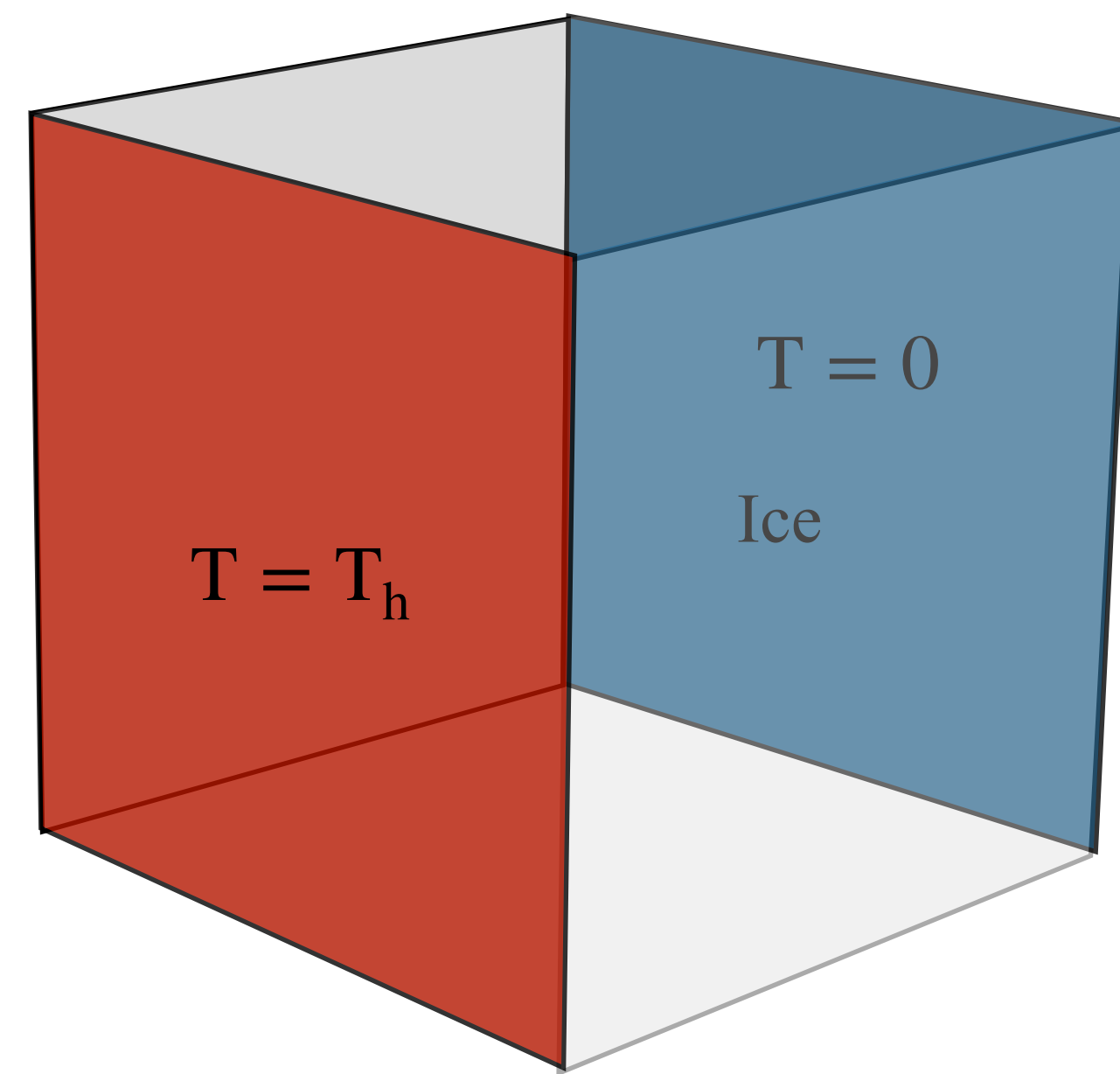
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Locally reversed flow significantly affects the melt shape

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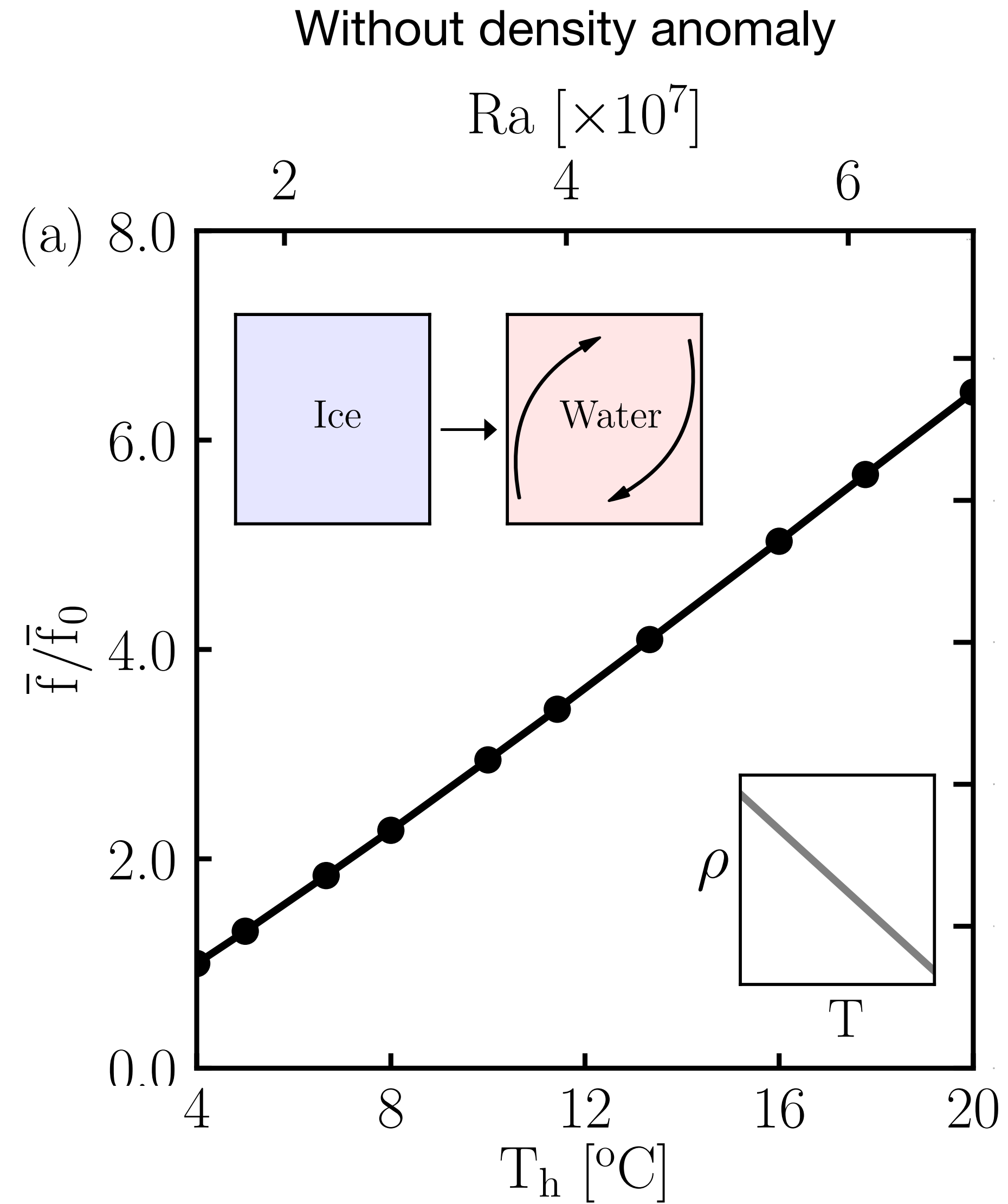


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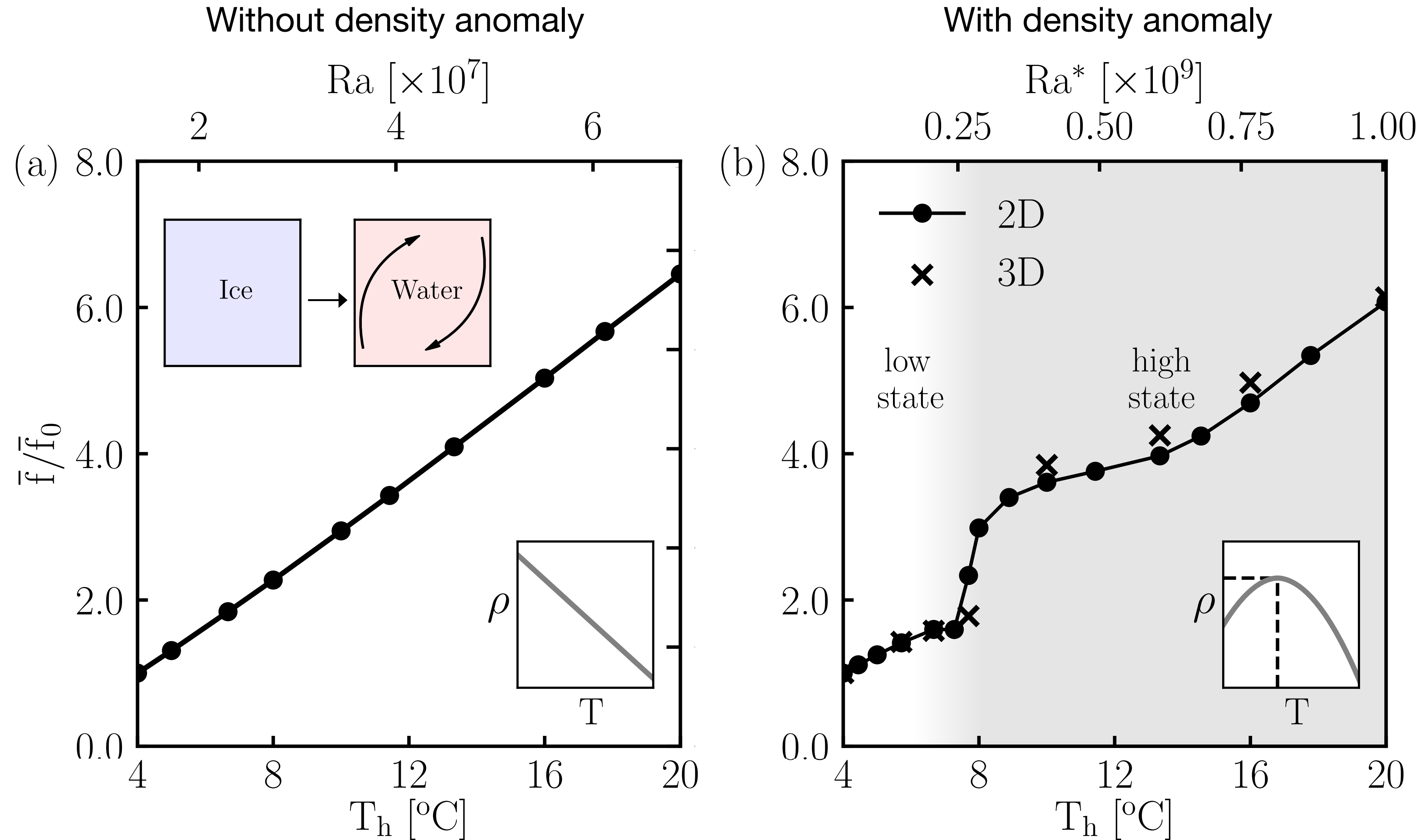


How does the melting rate change?

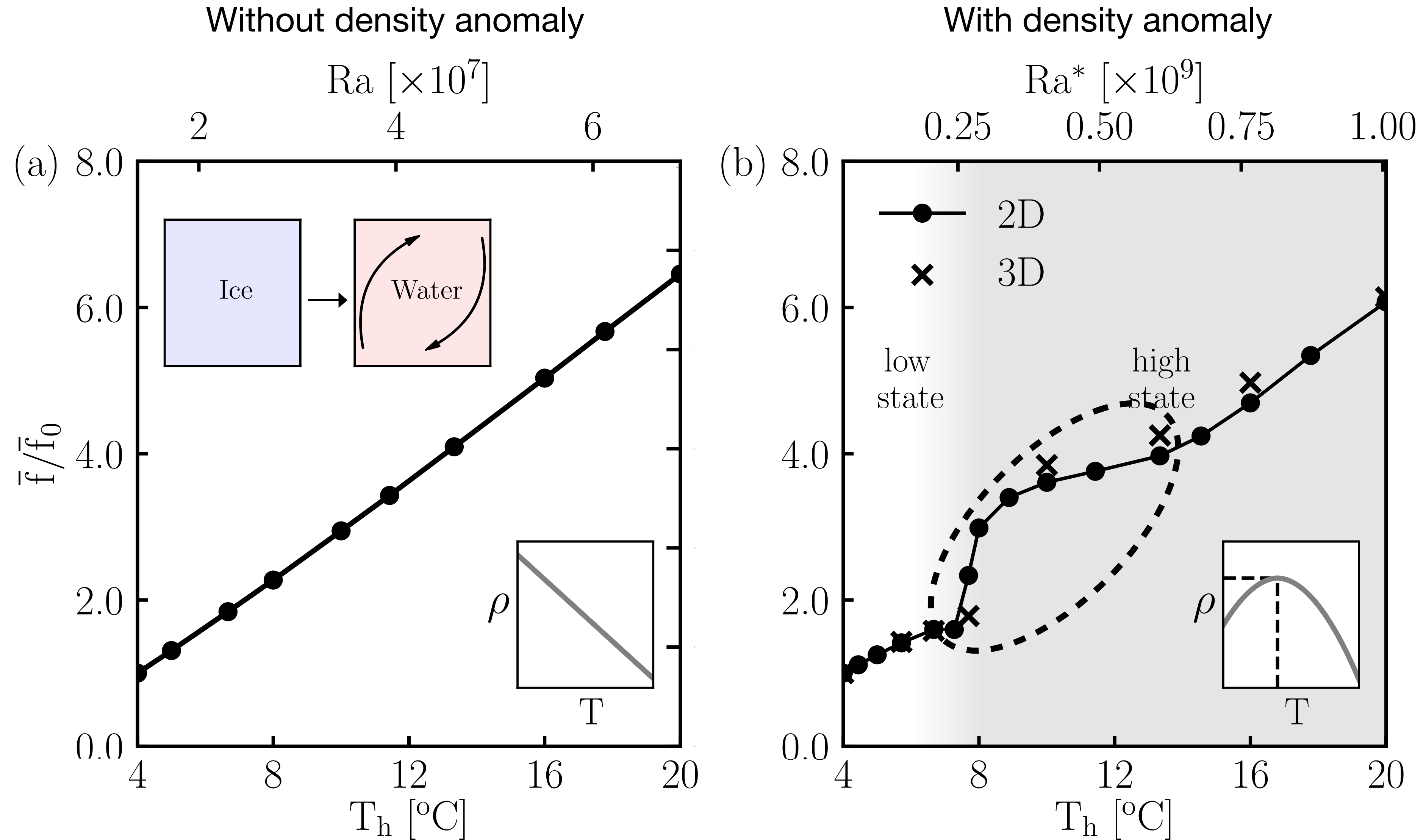
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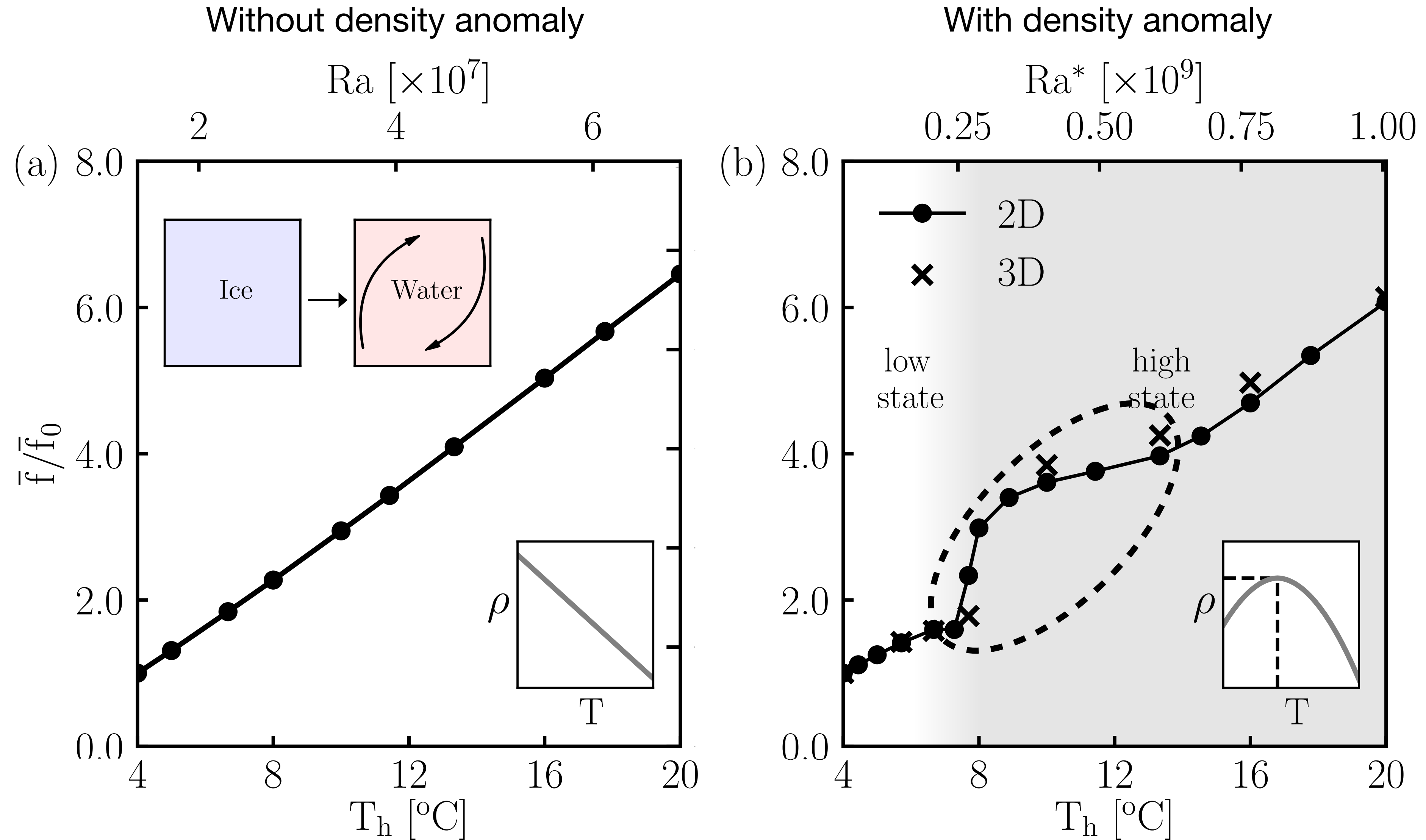
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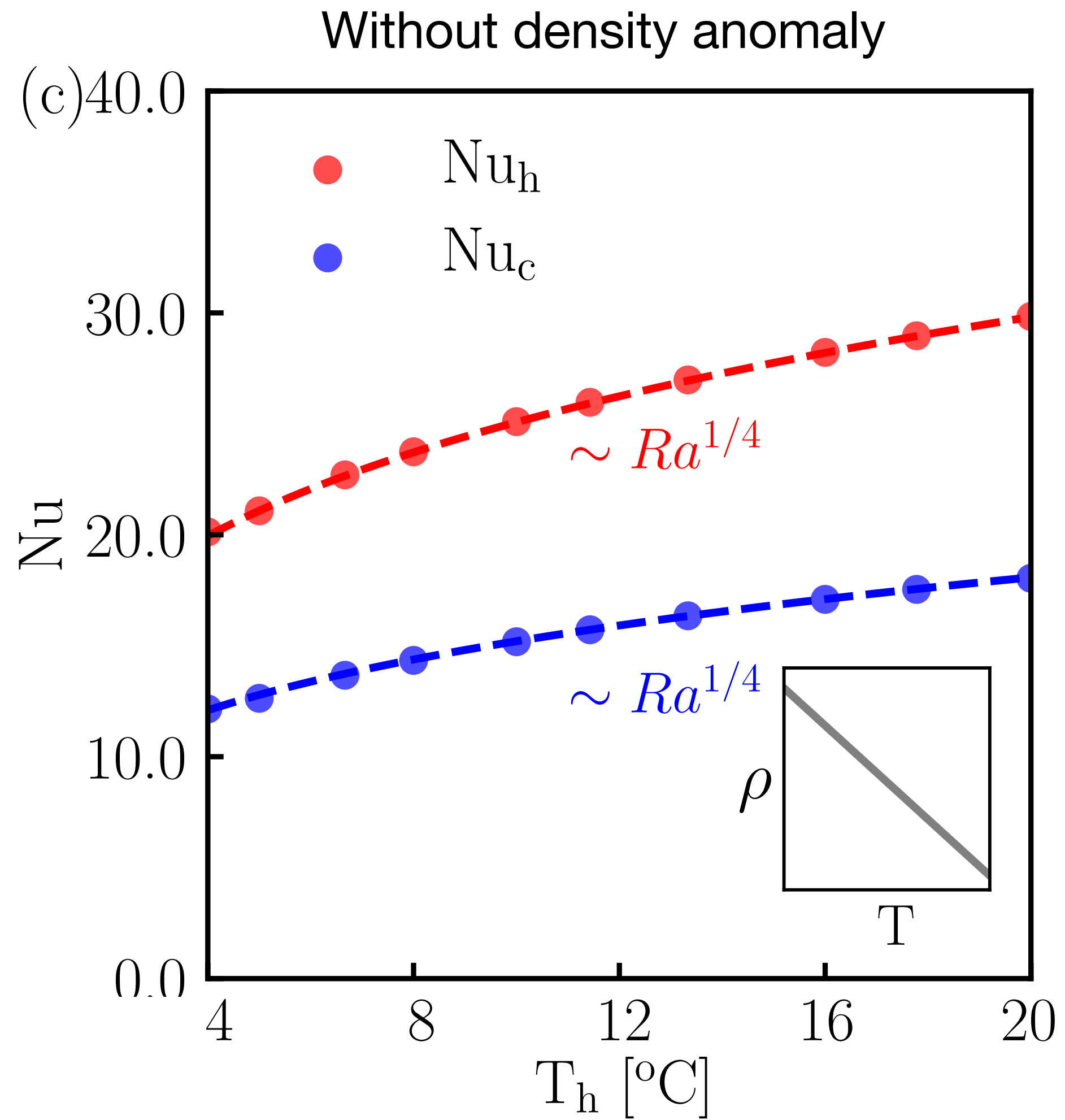


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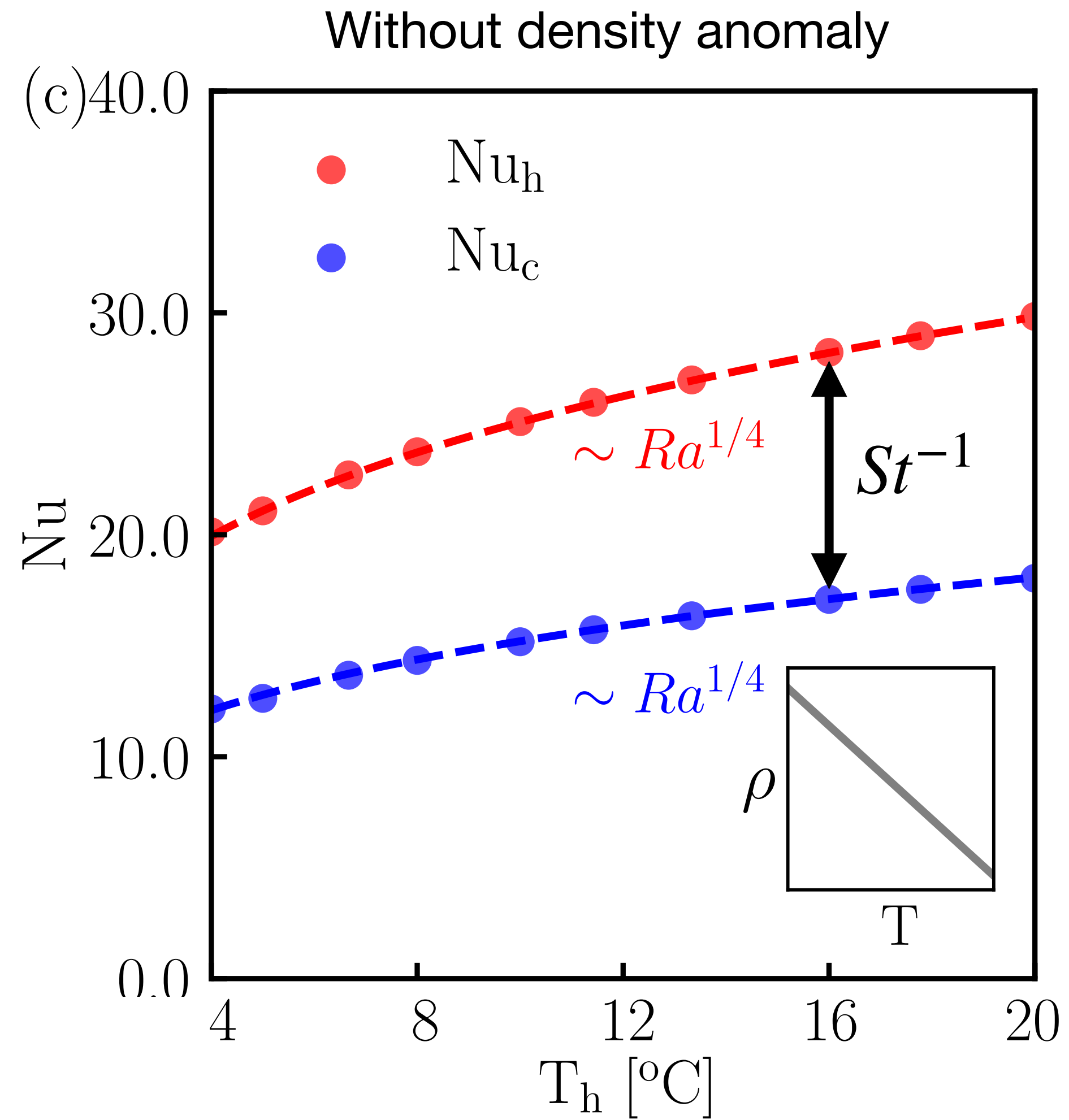


Tipping point towards enhanced melt regime due to density anomaly !

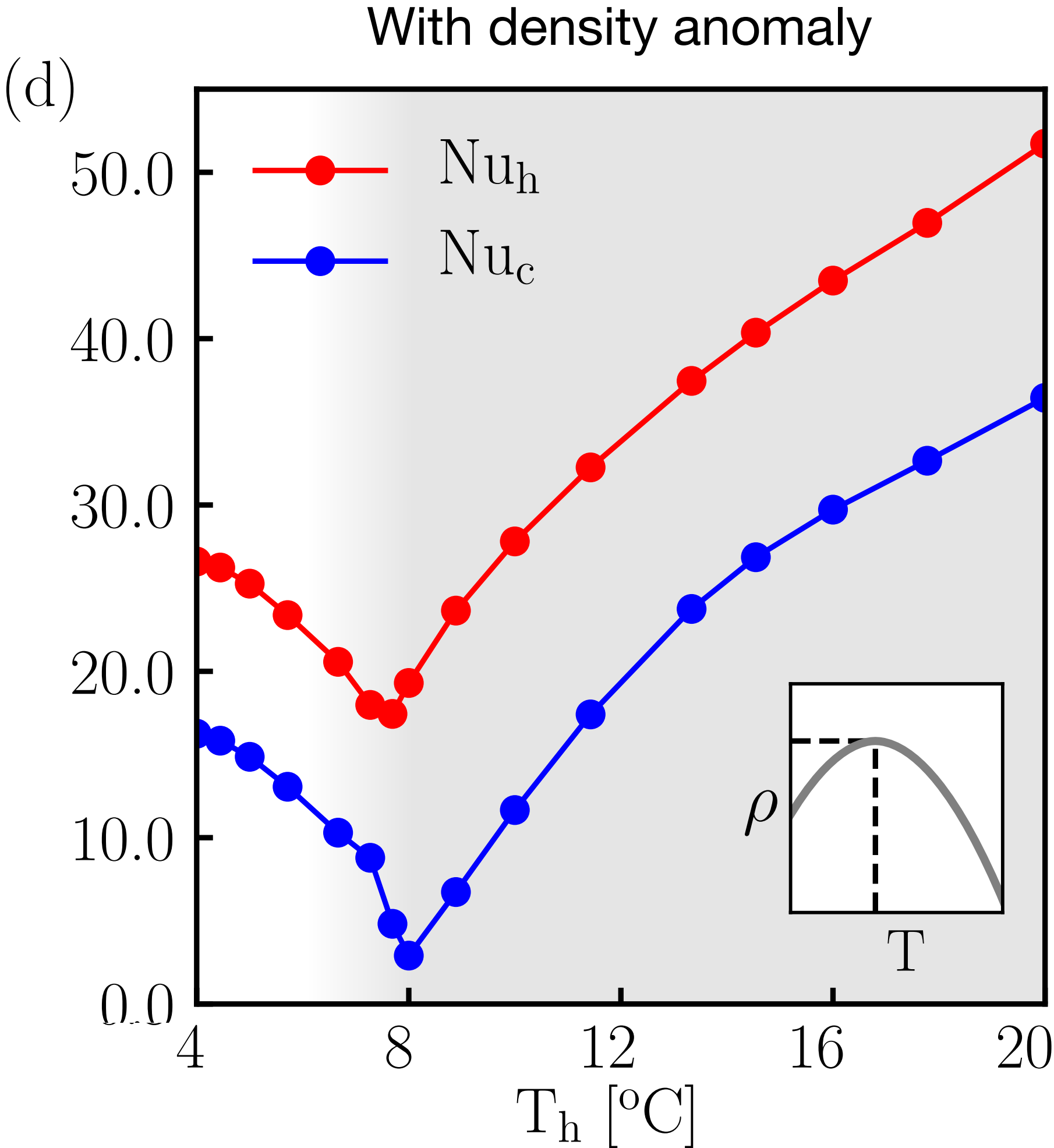
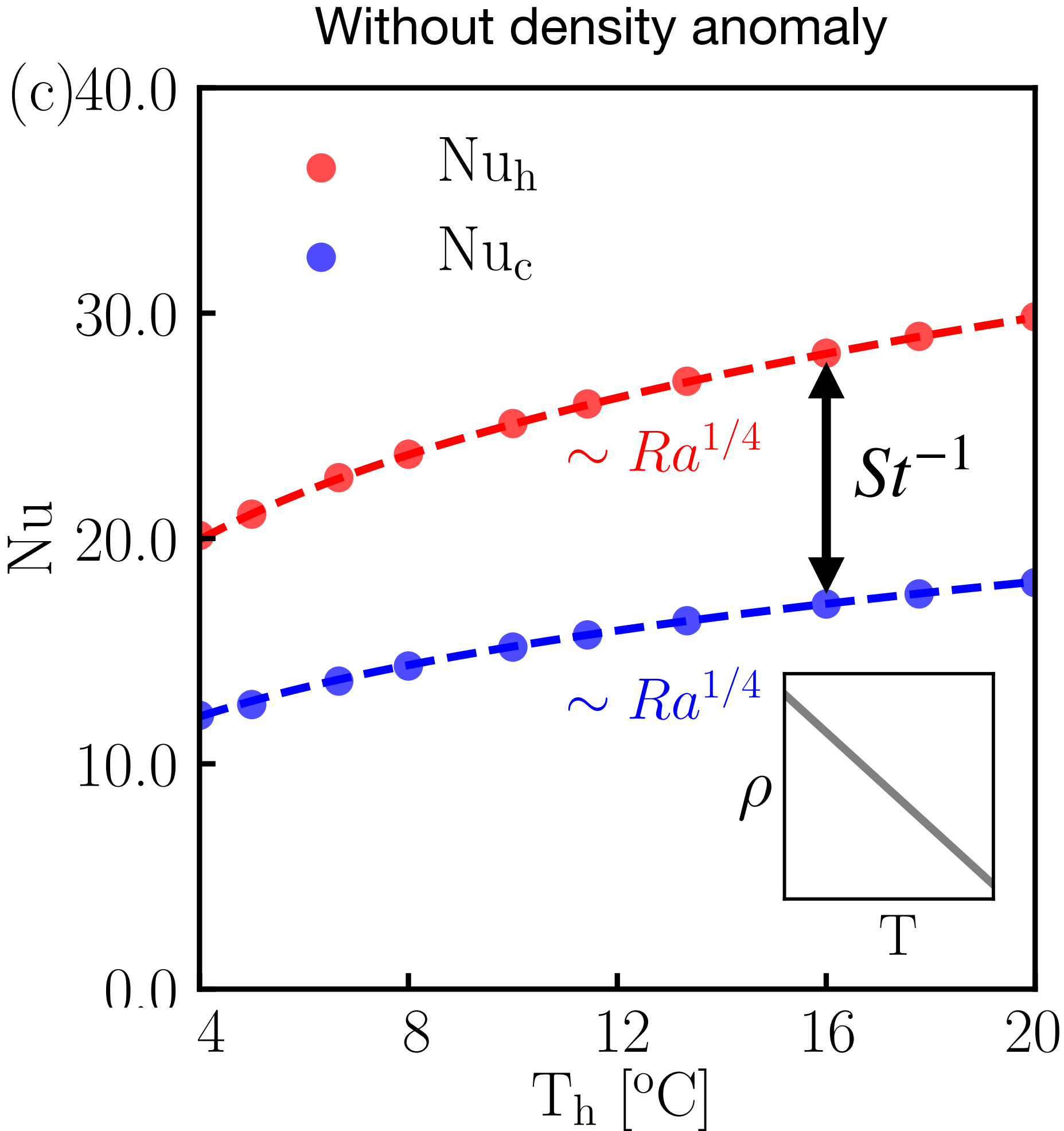
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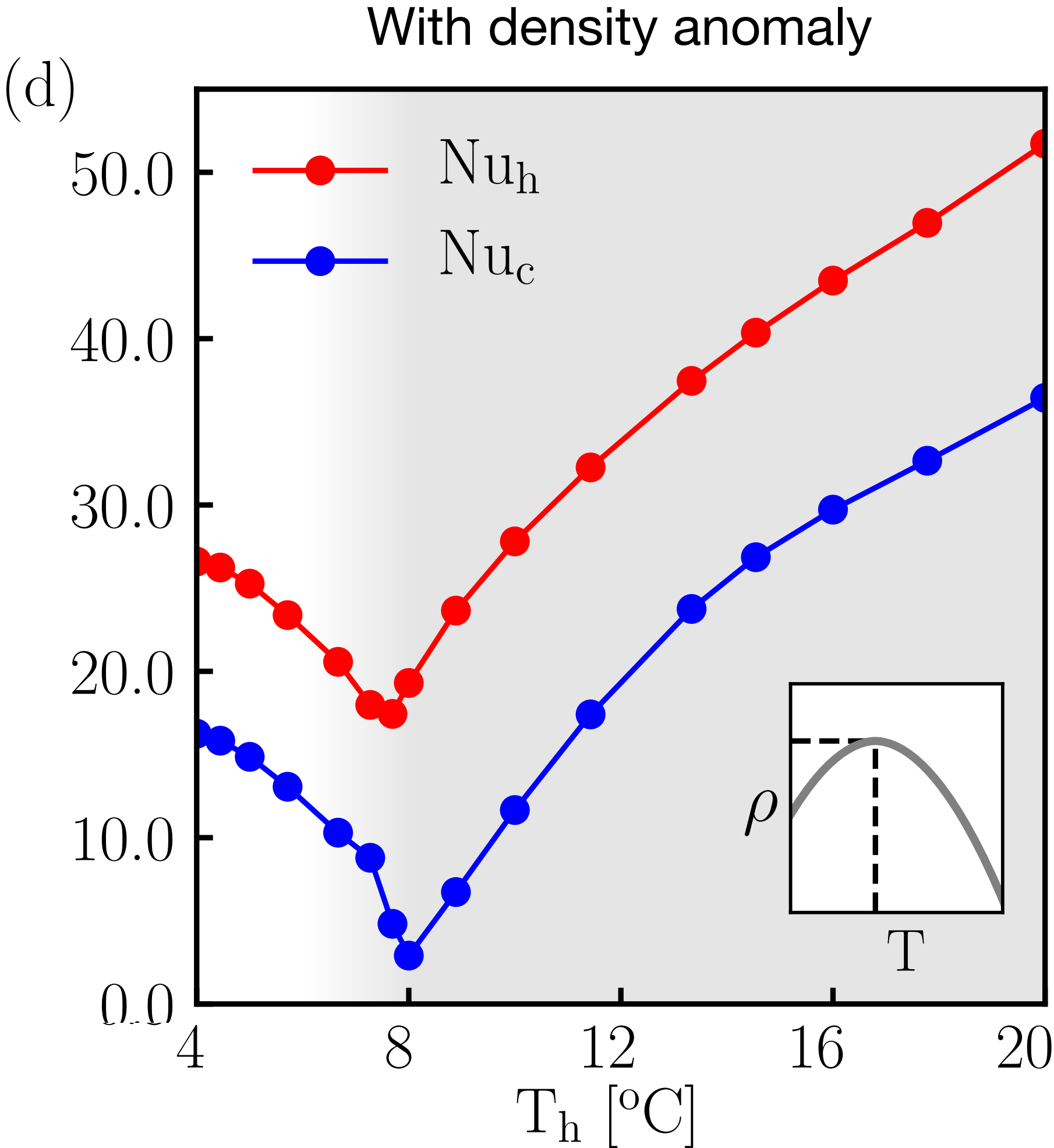
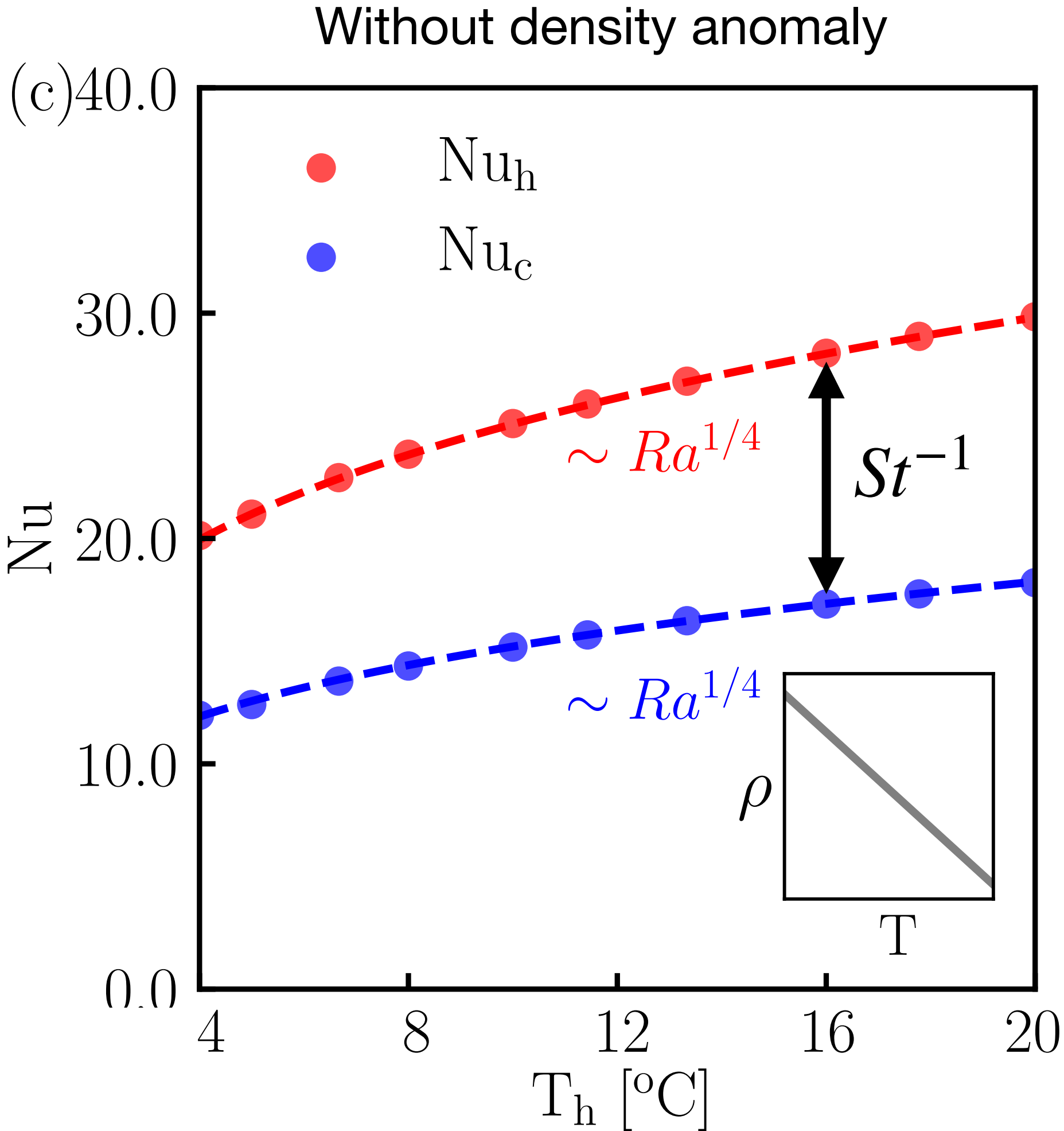
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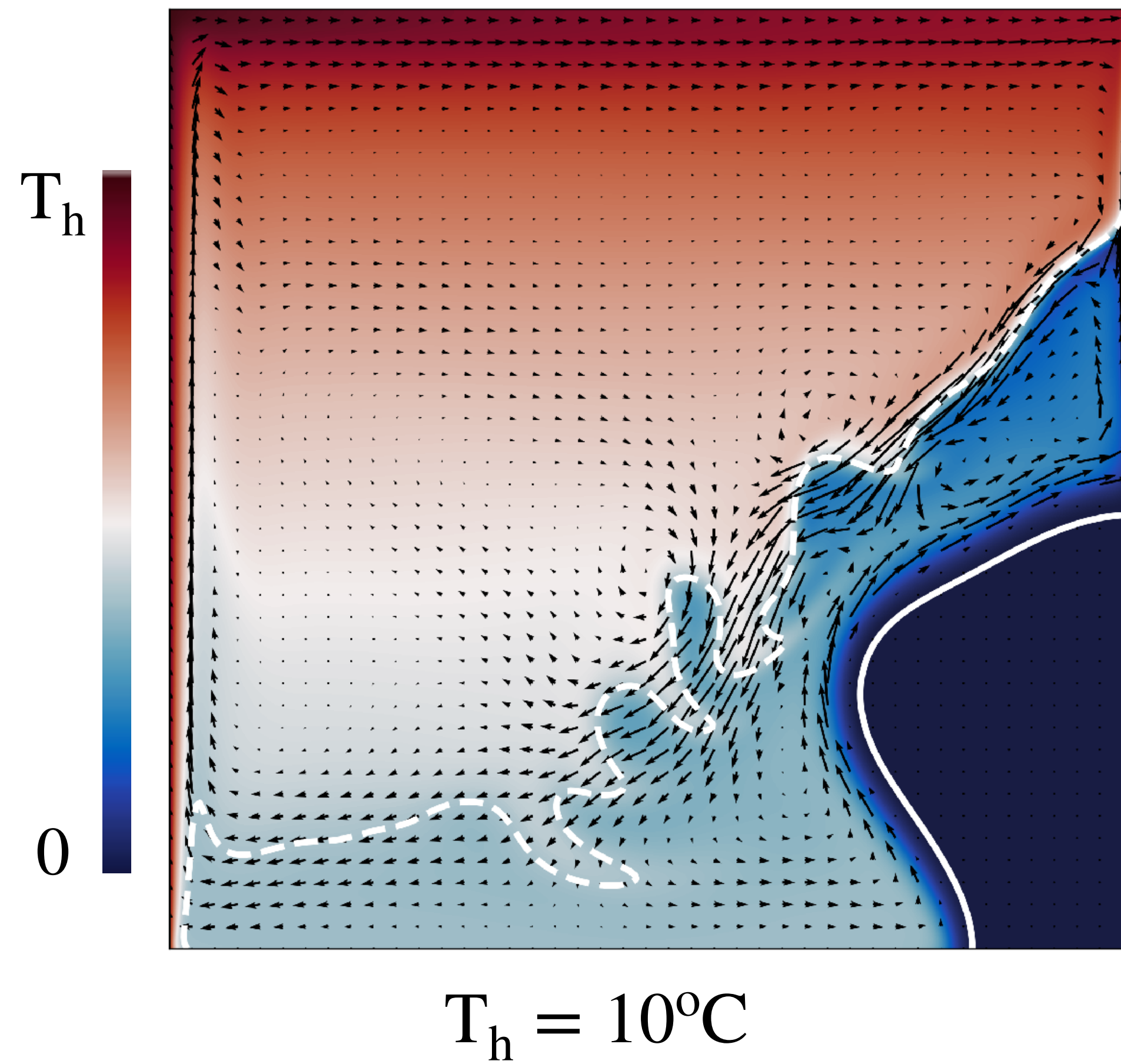


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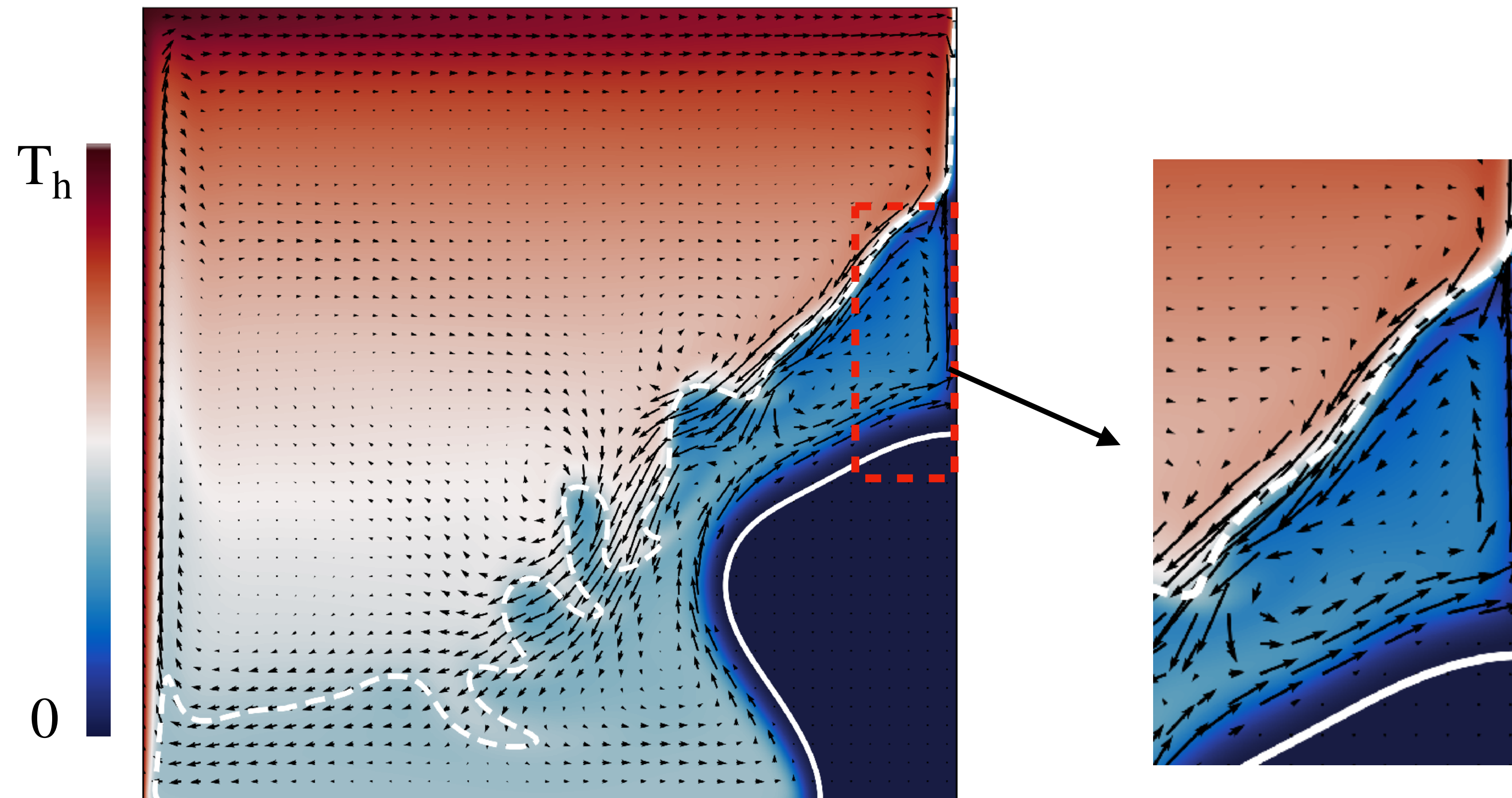


Non-monotonic trend of Nu numbers

Explanation for the Nu trend - locally reversed flow



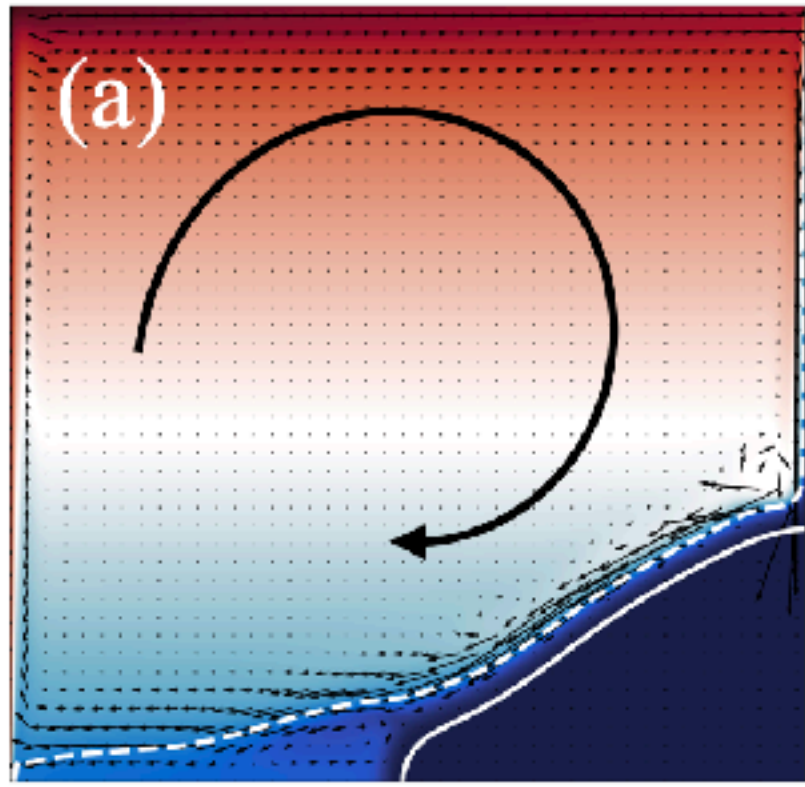
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Locally reversed flow drives the melt fluid to protect the cold plate from heat loss

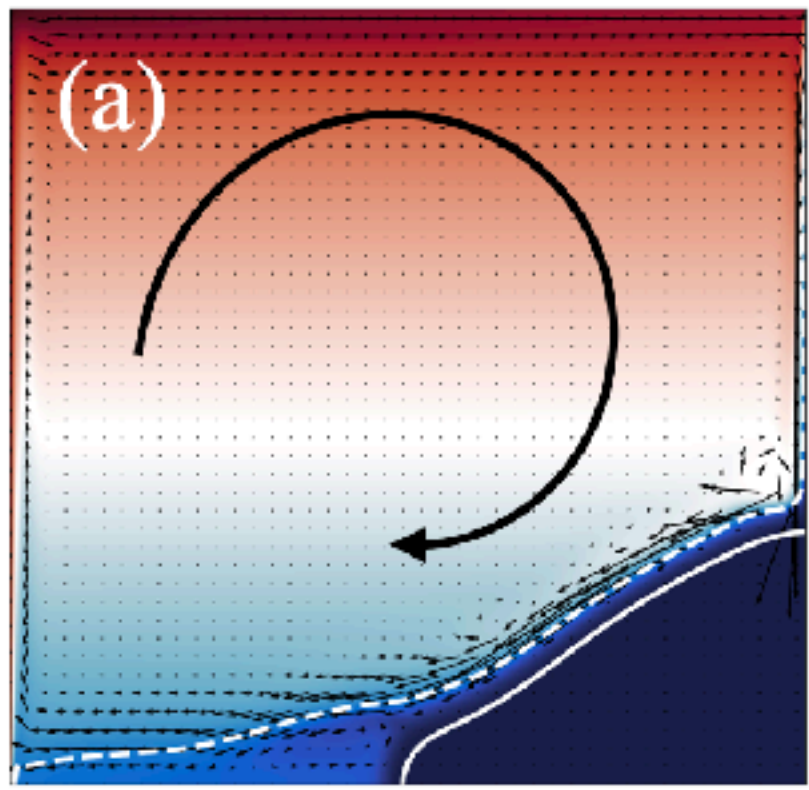
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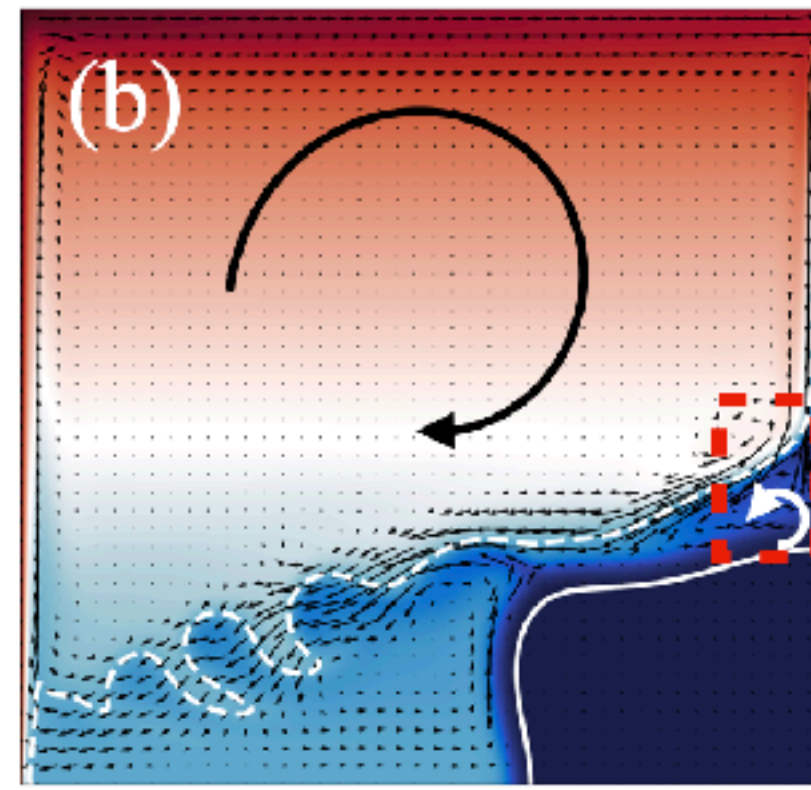
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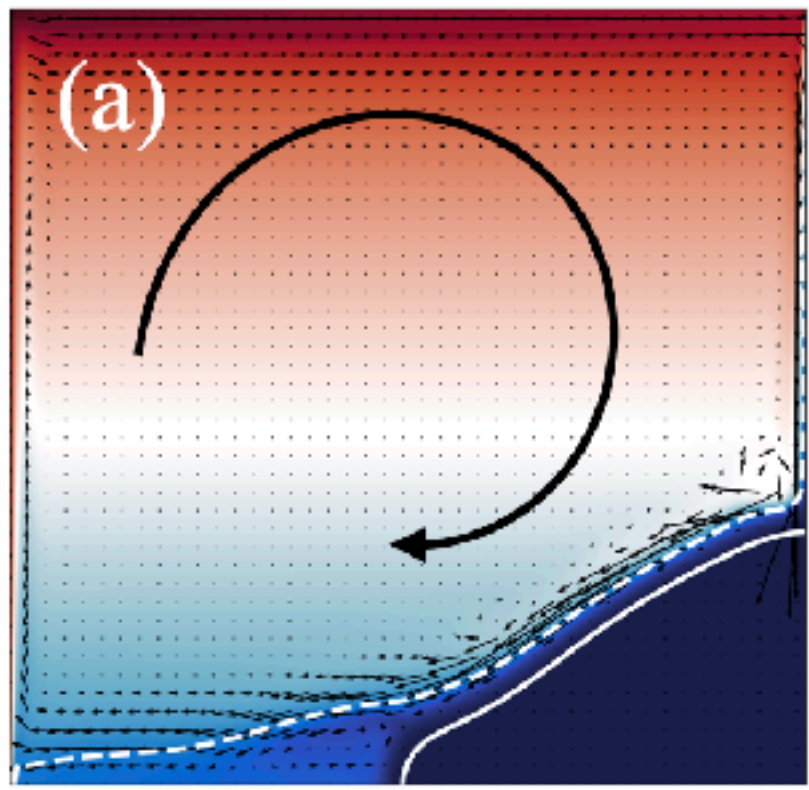
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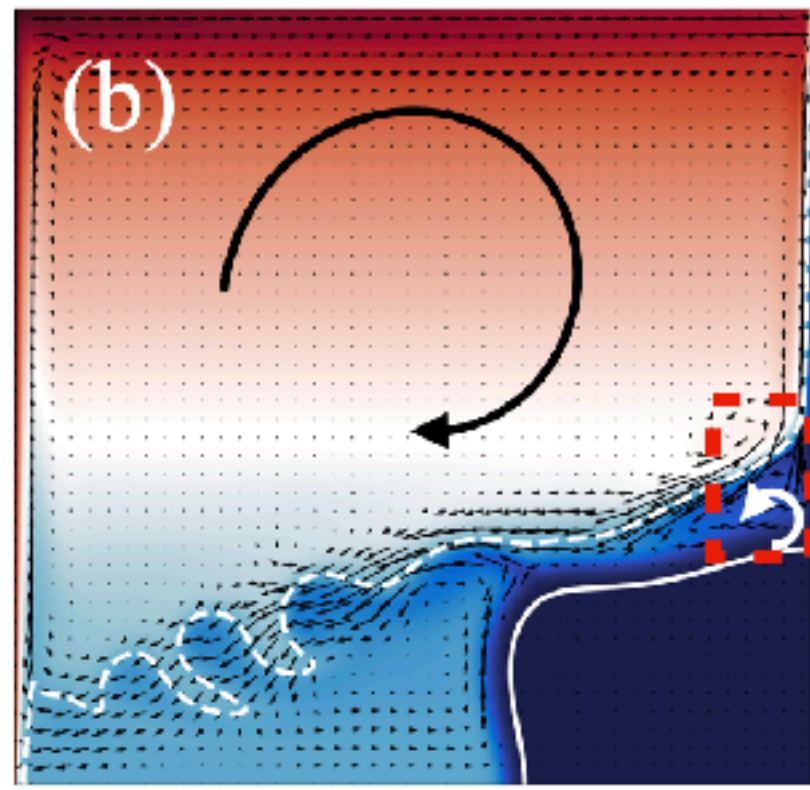
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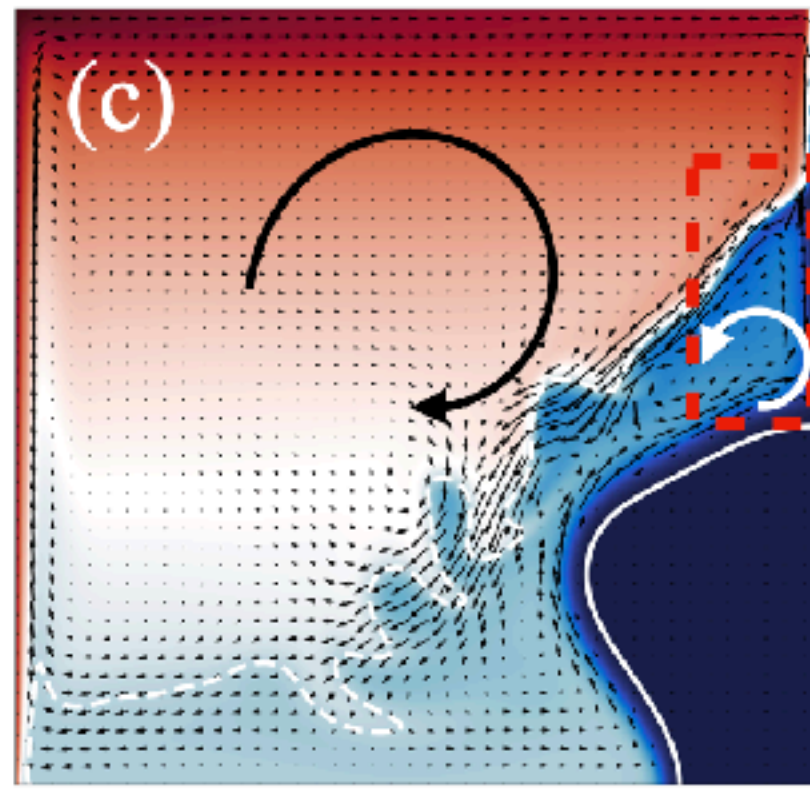
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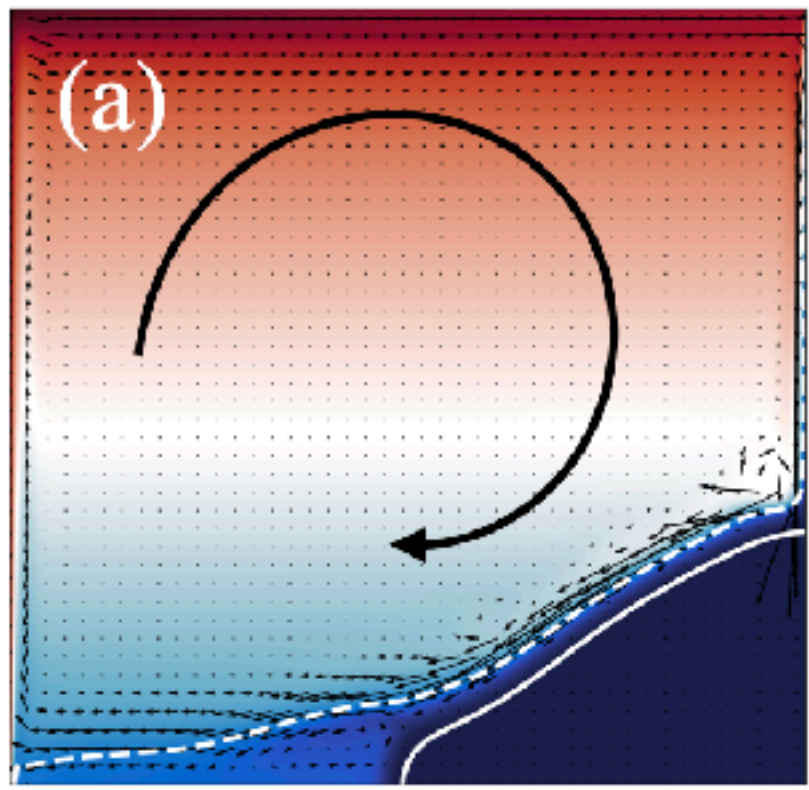
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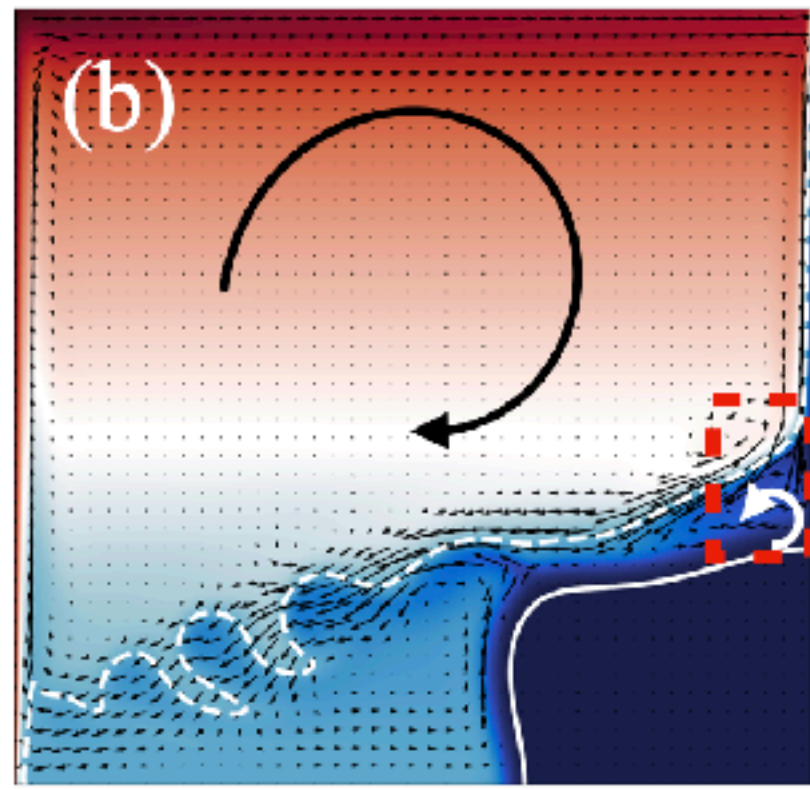
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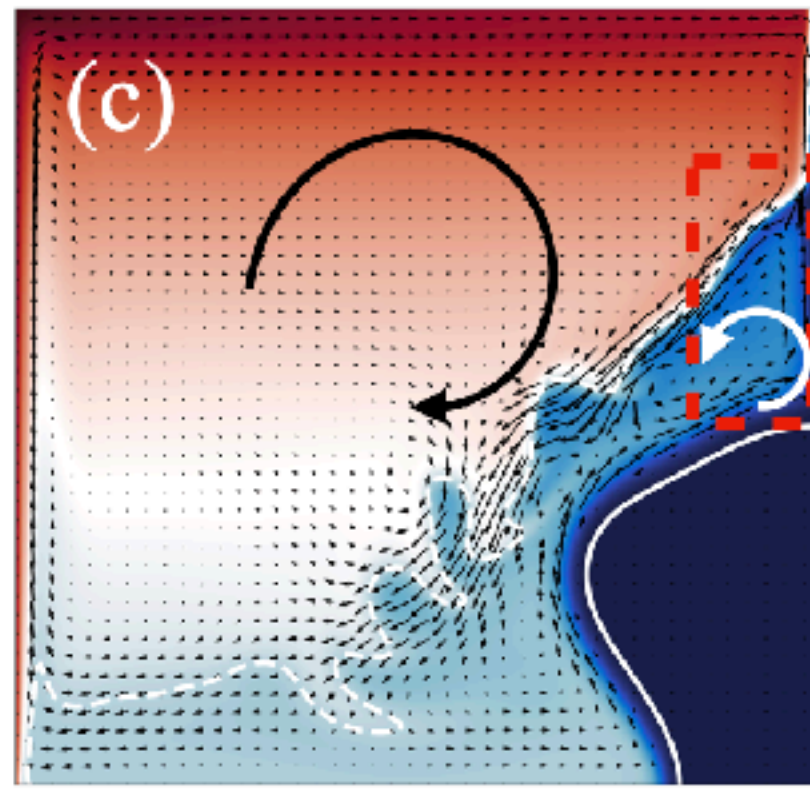
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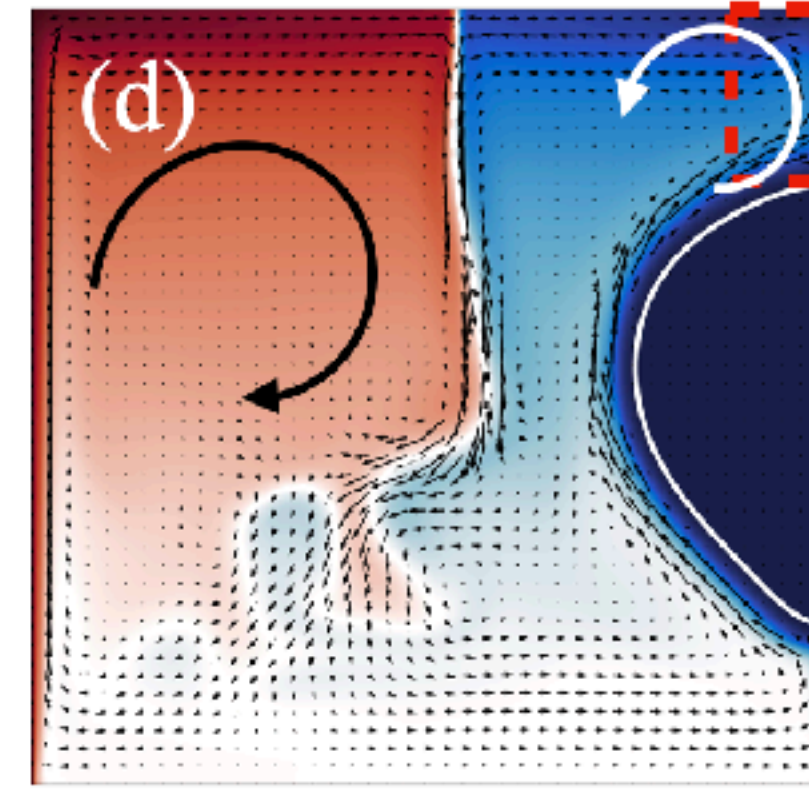
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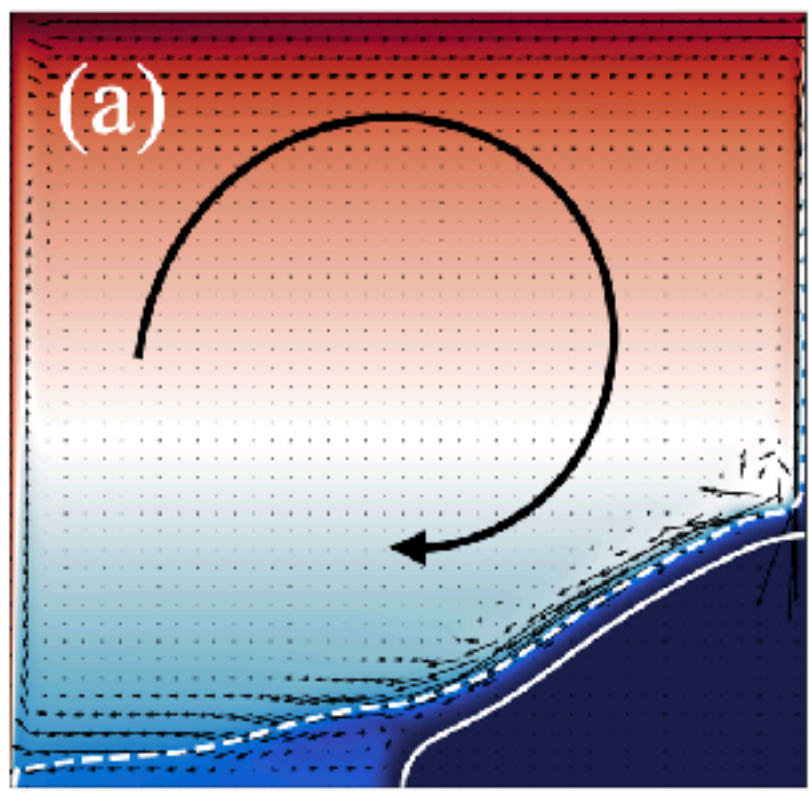
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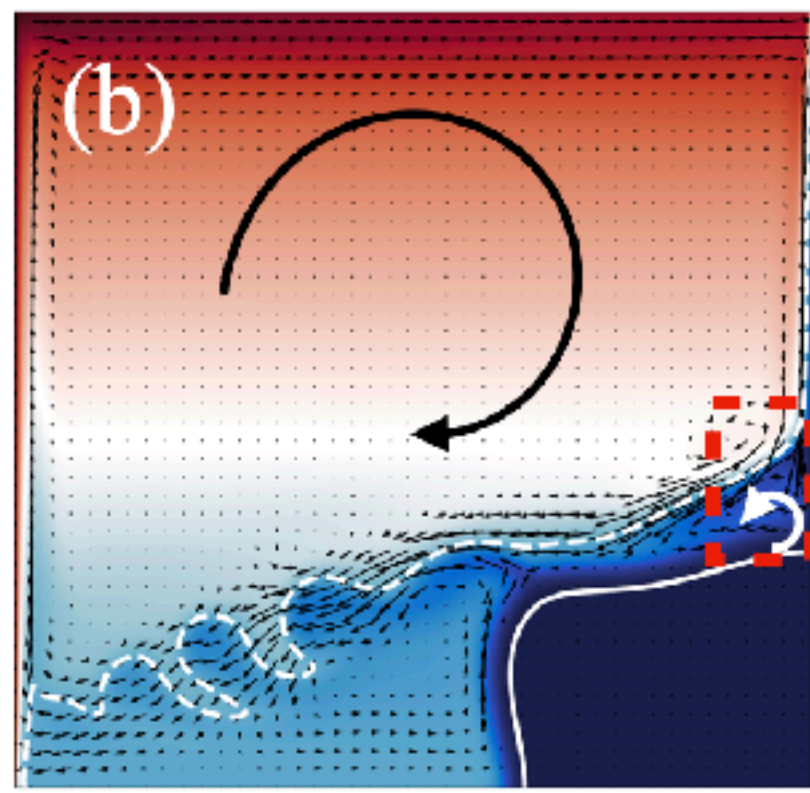
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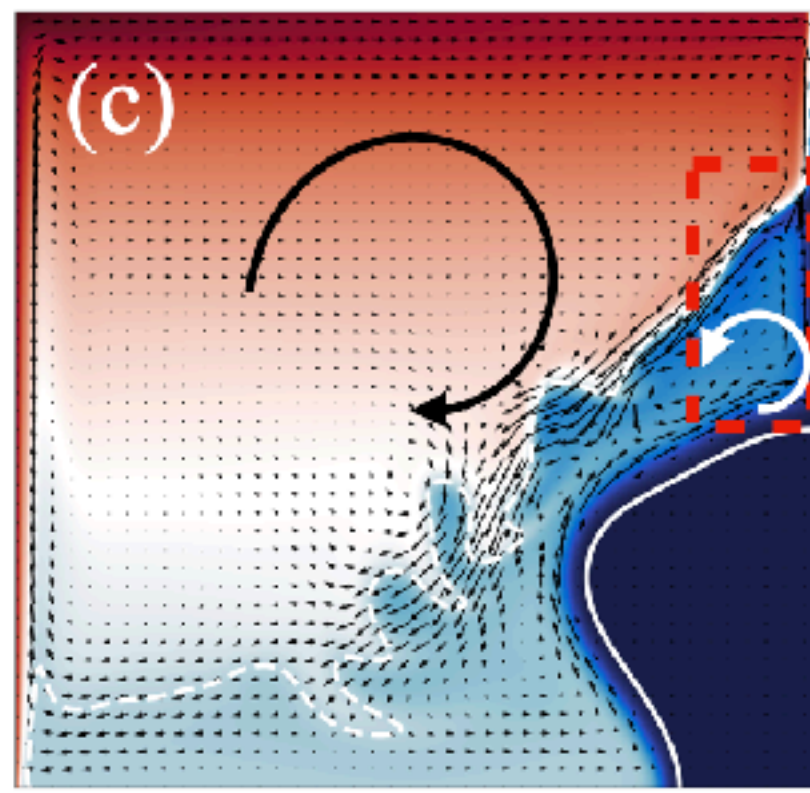
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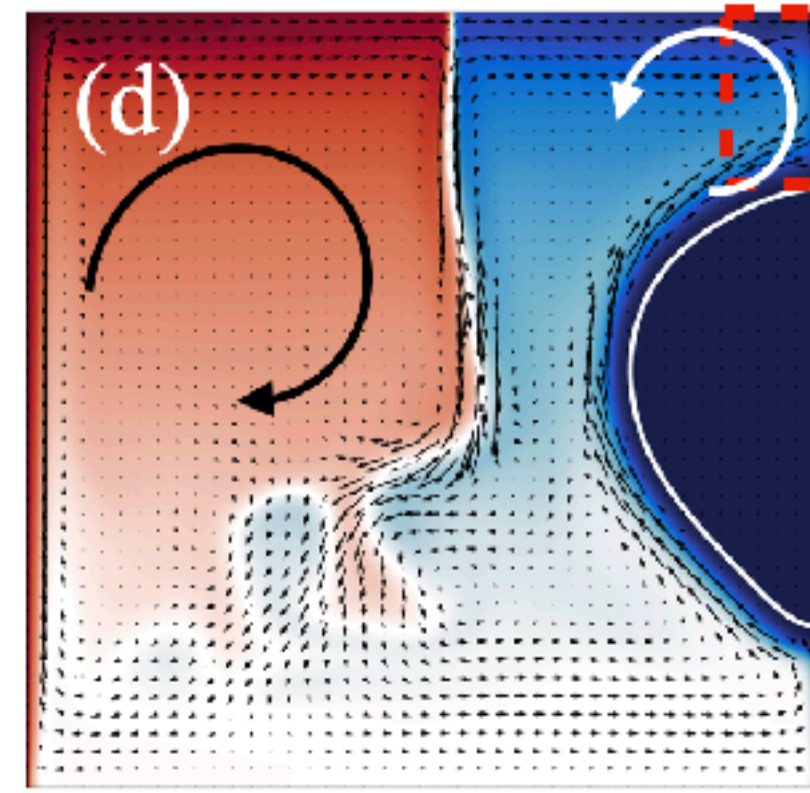
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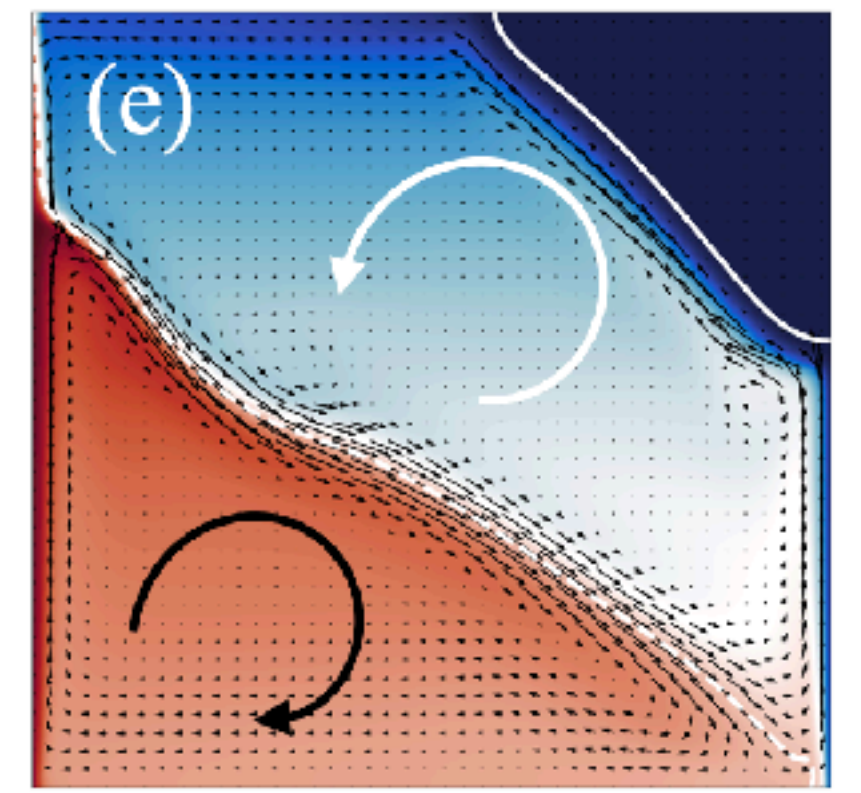
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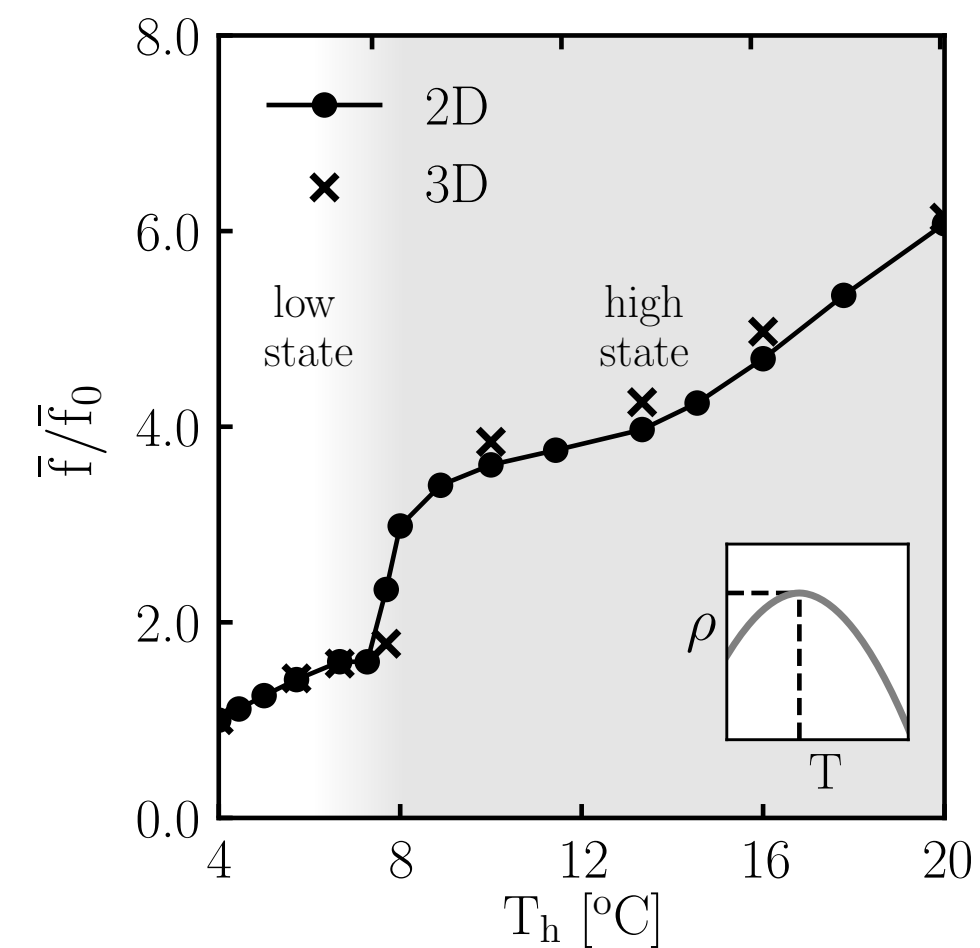
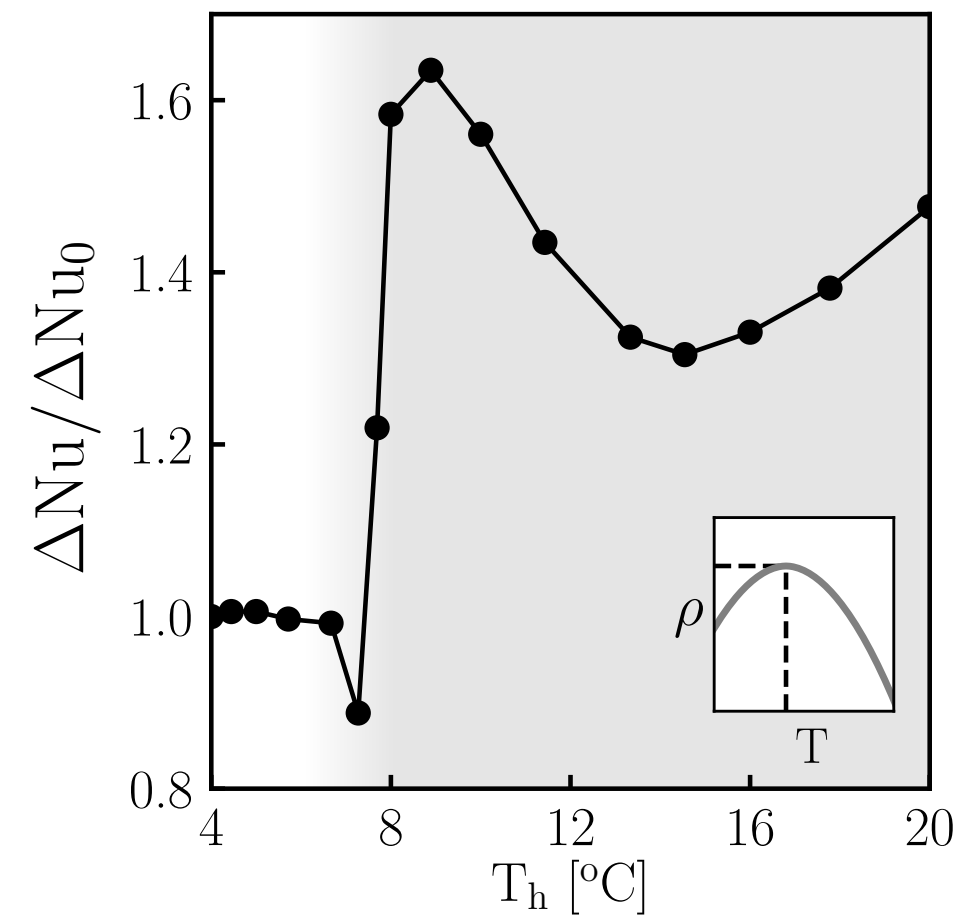
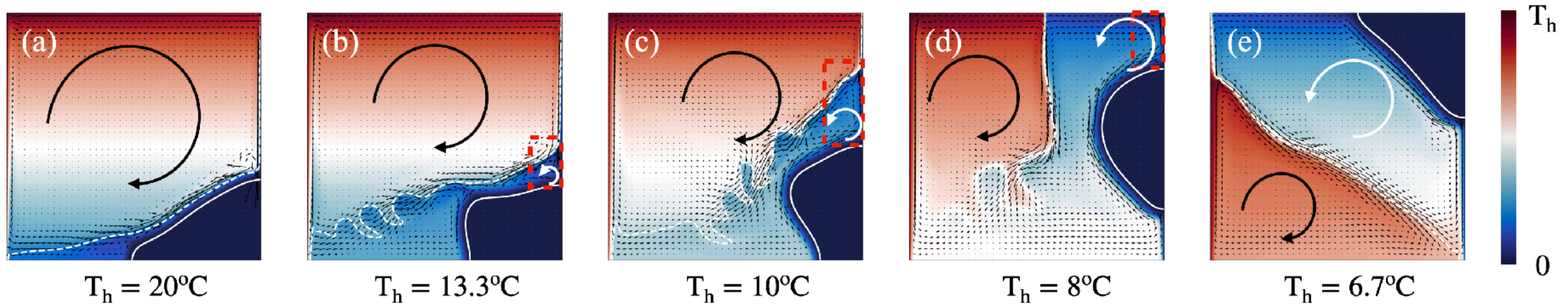
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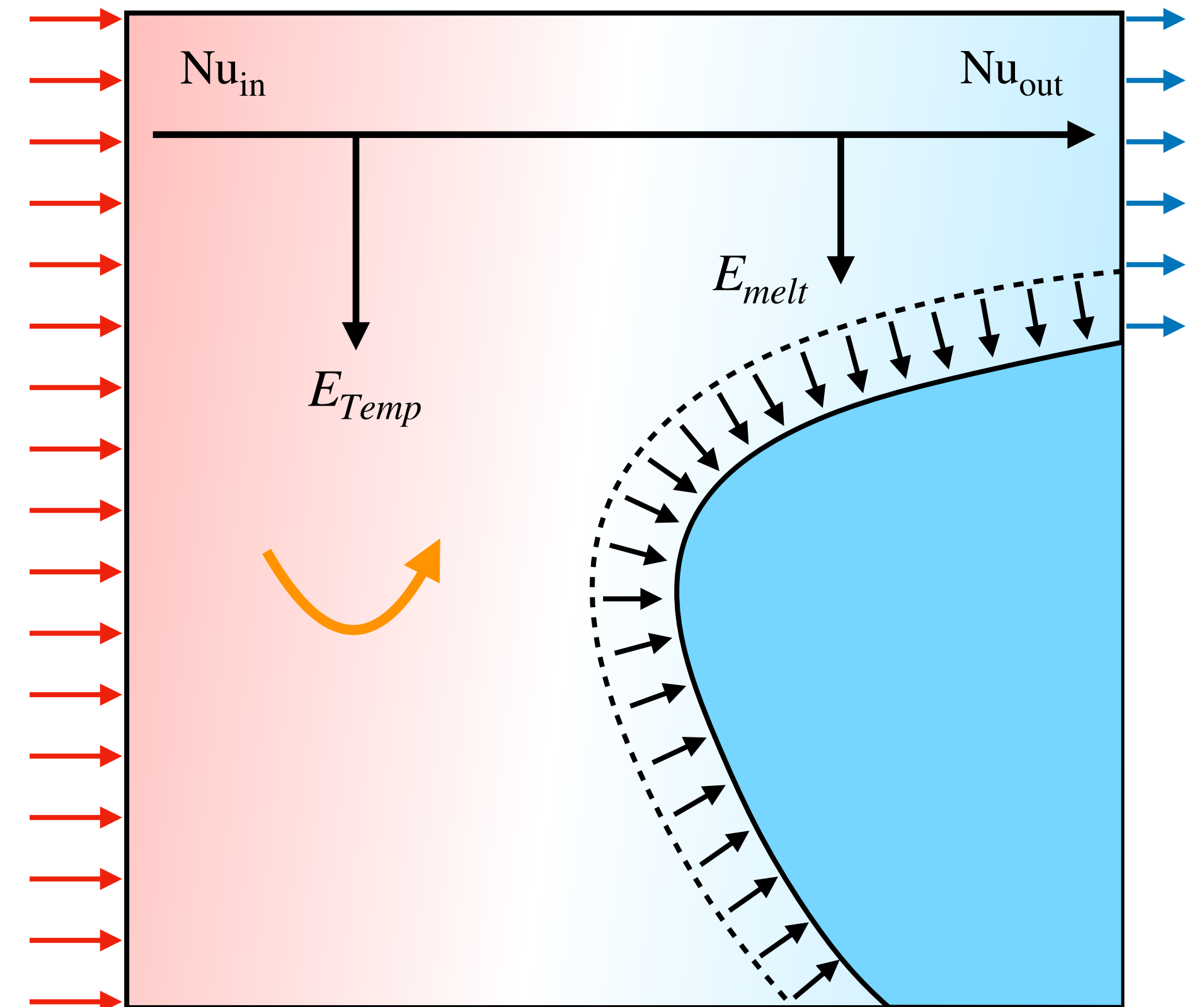


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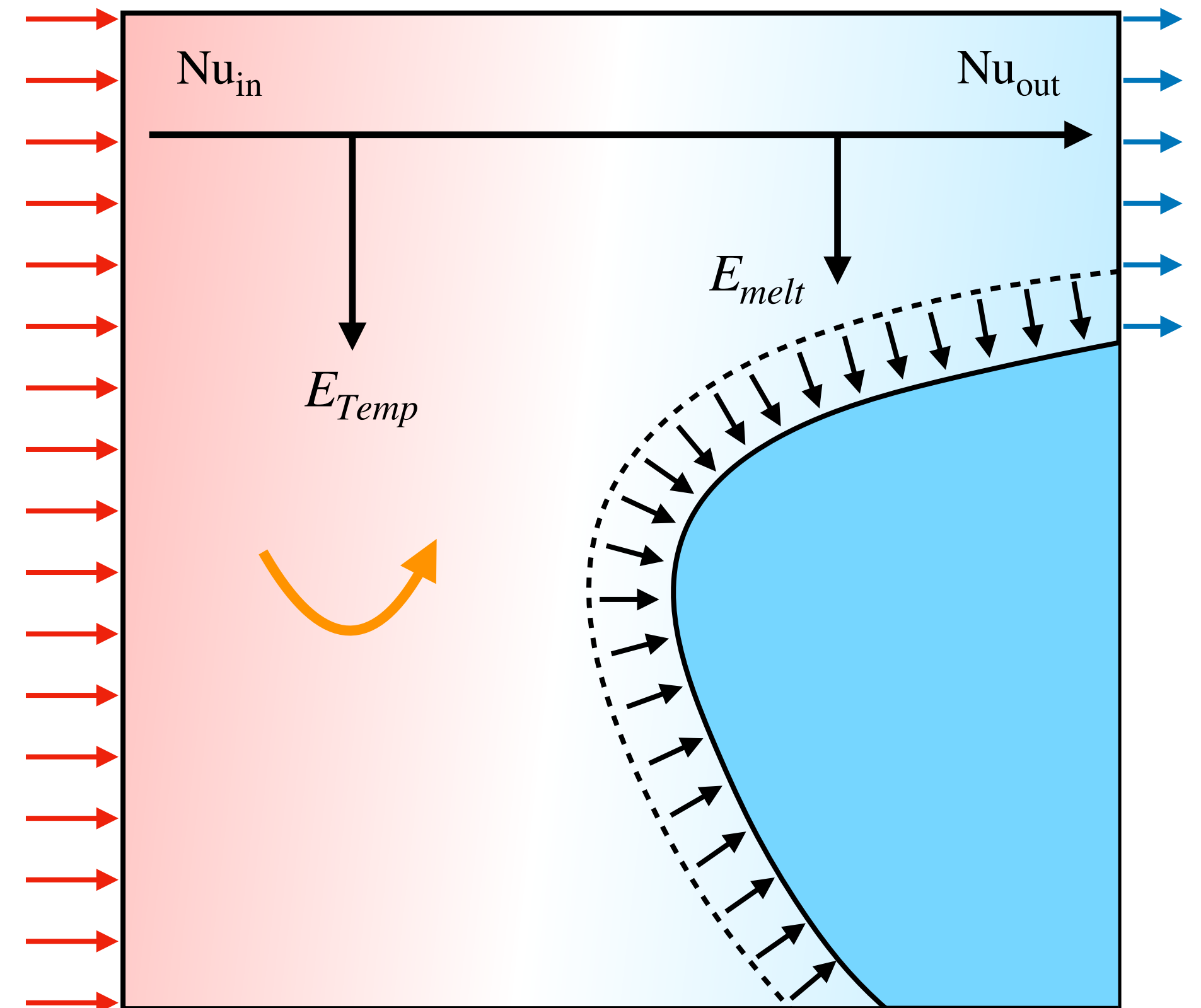


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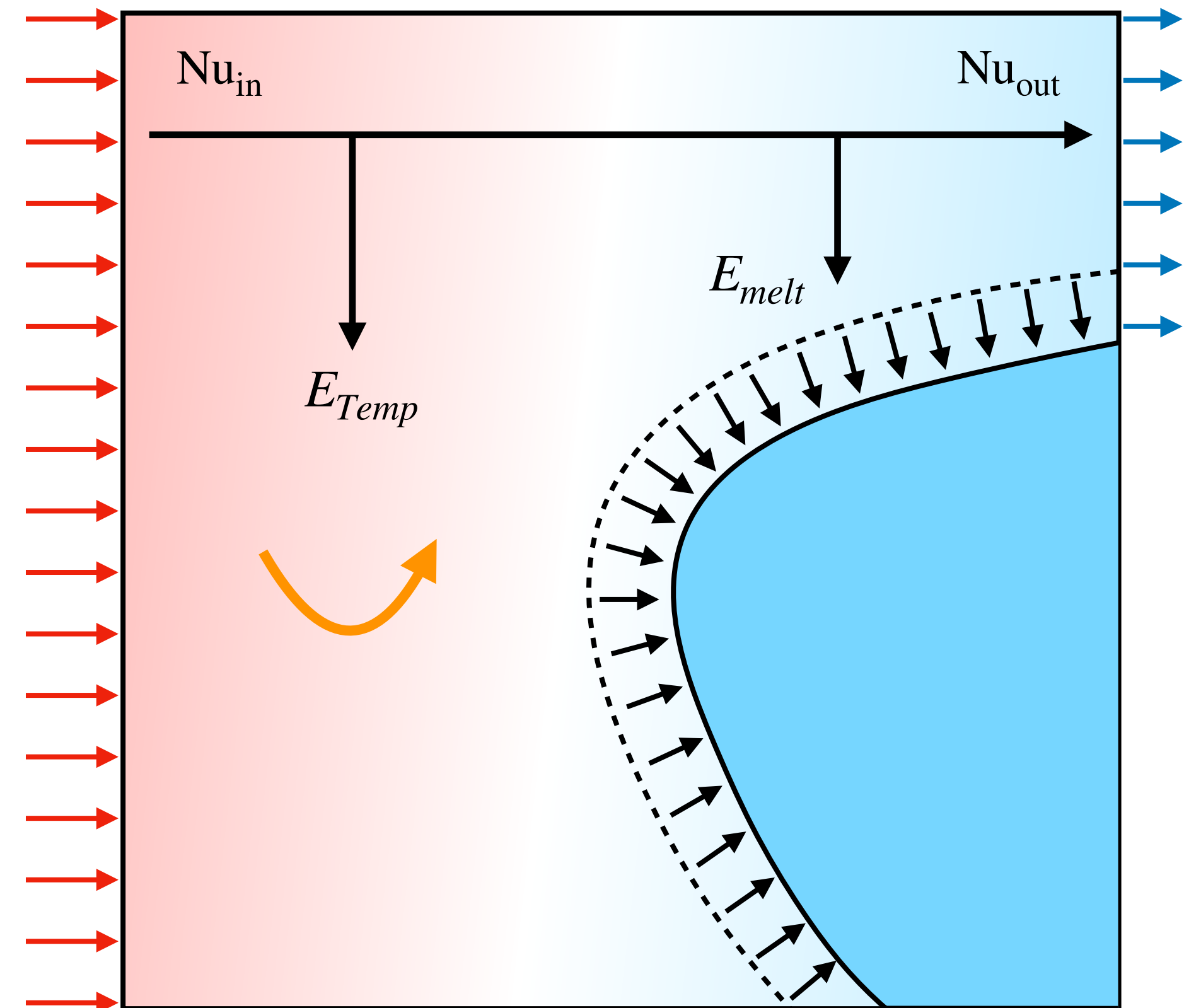
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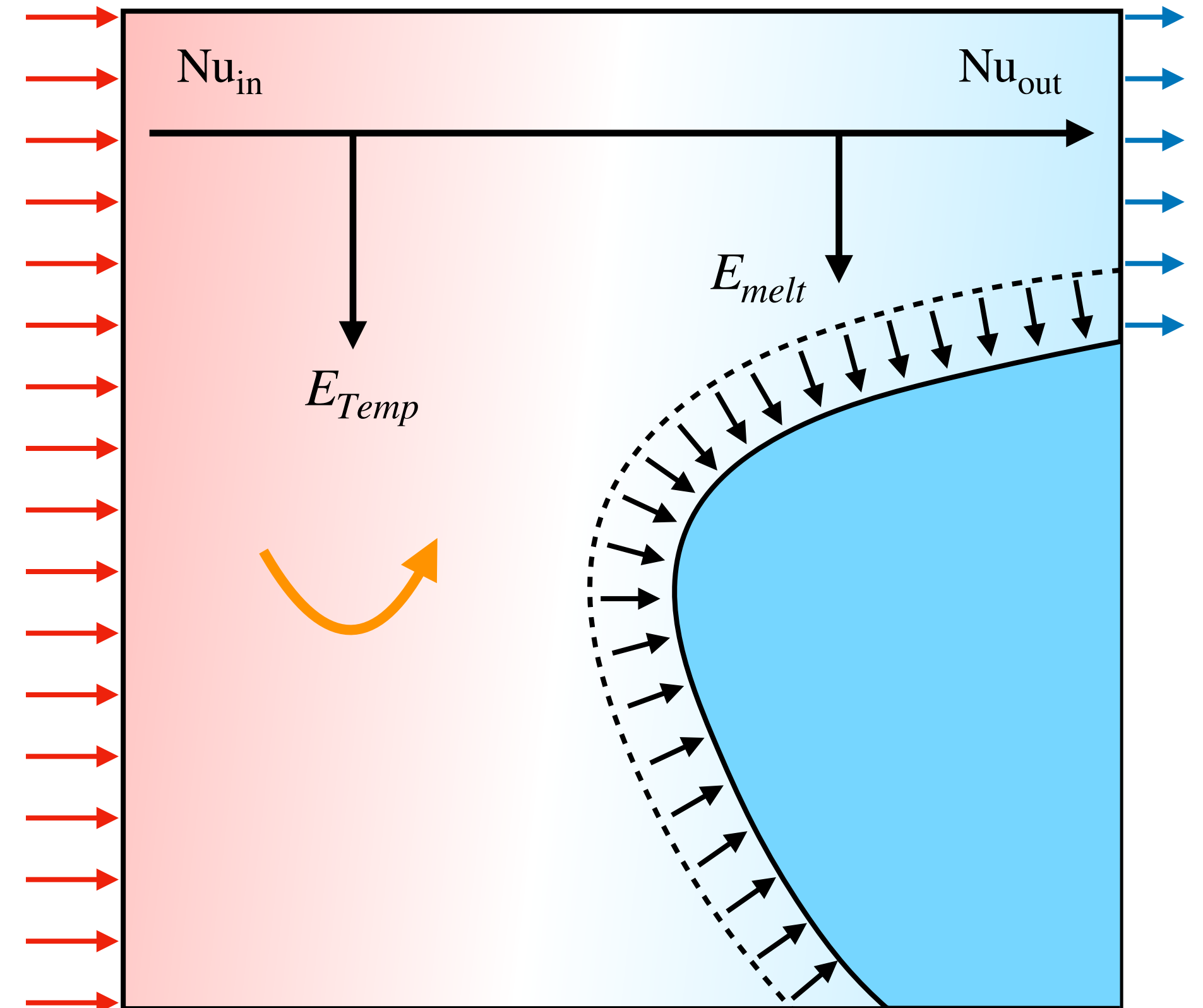
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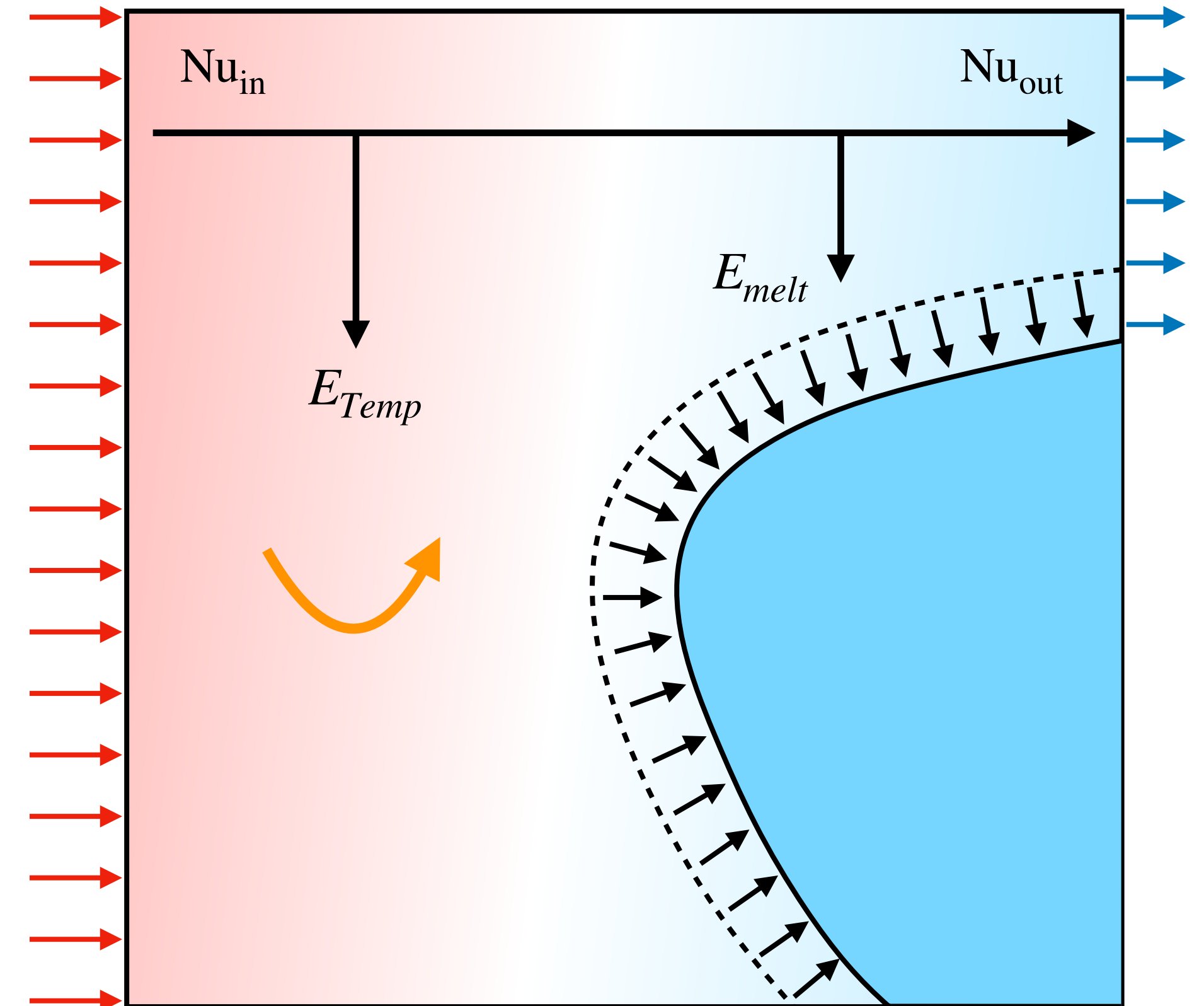
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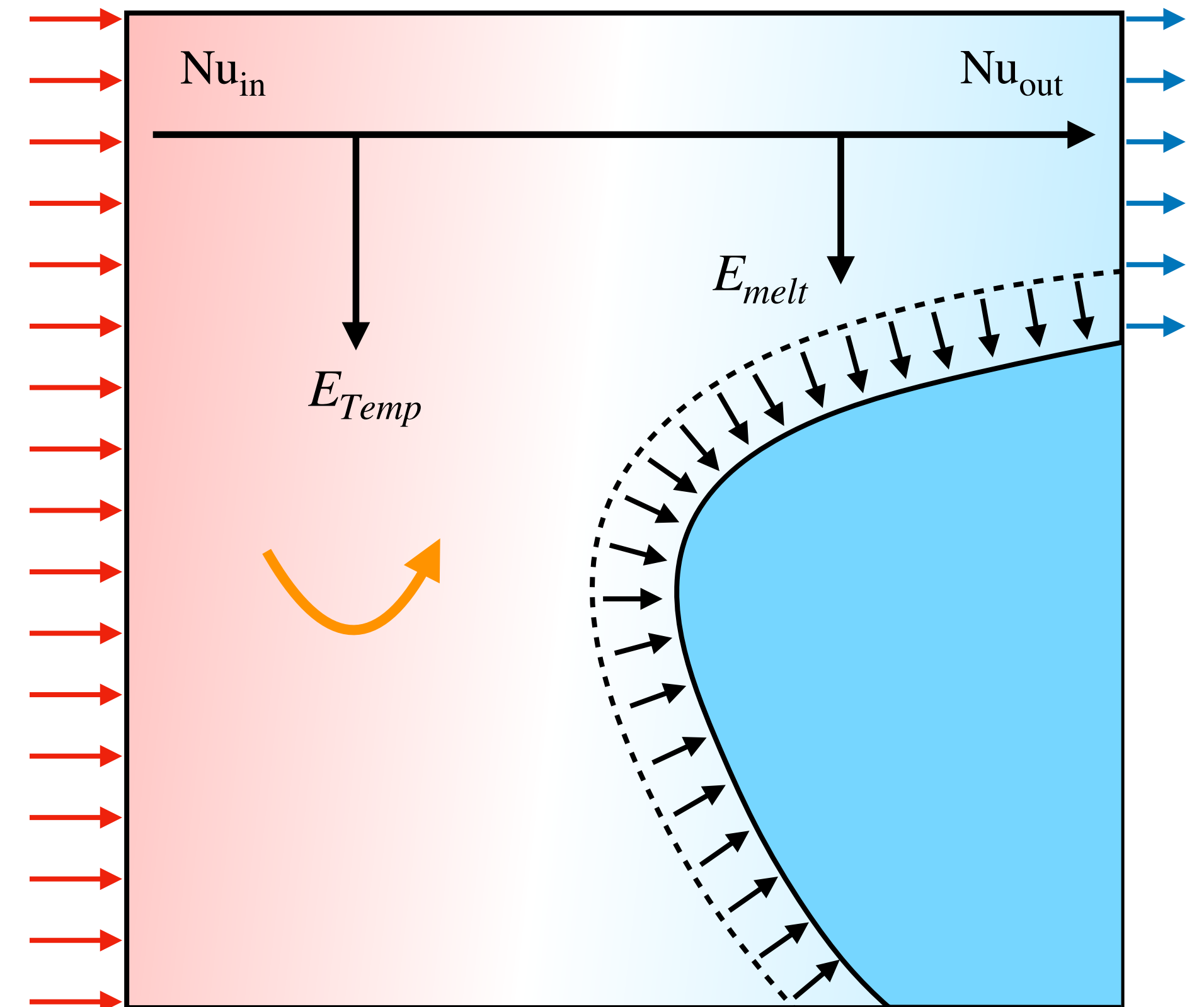
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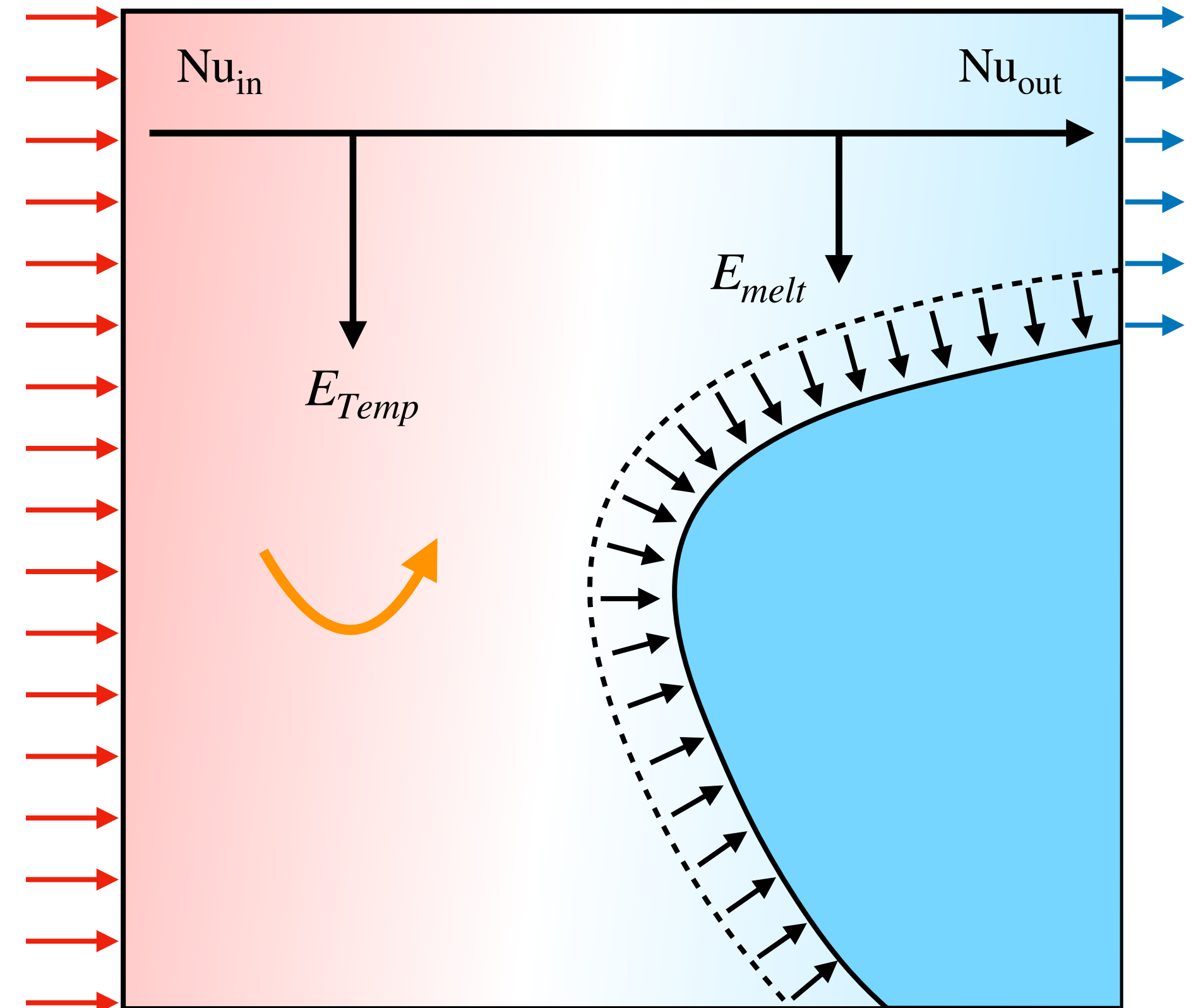
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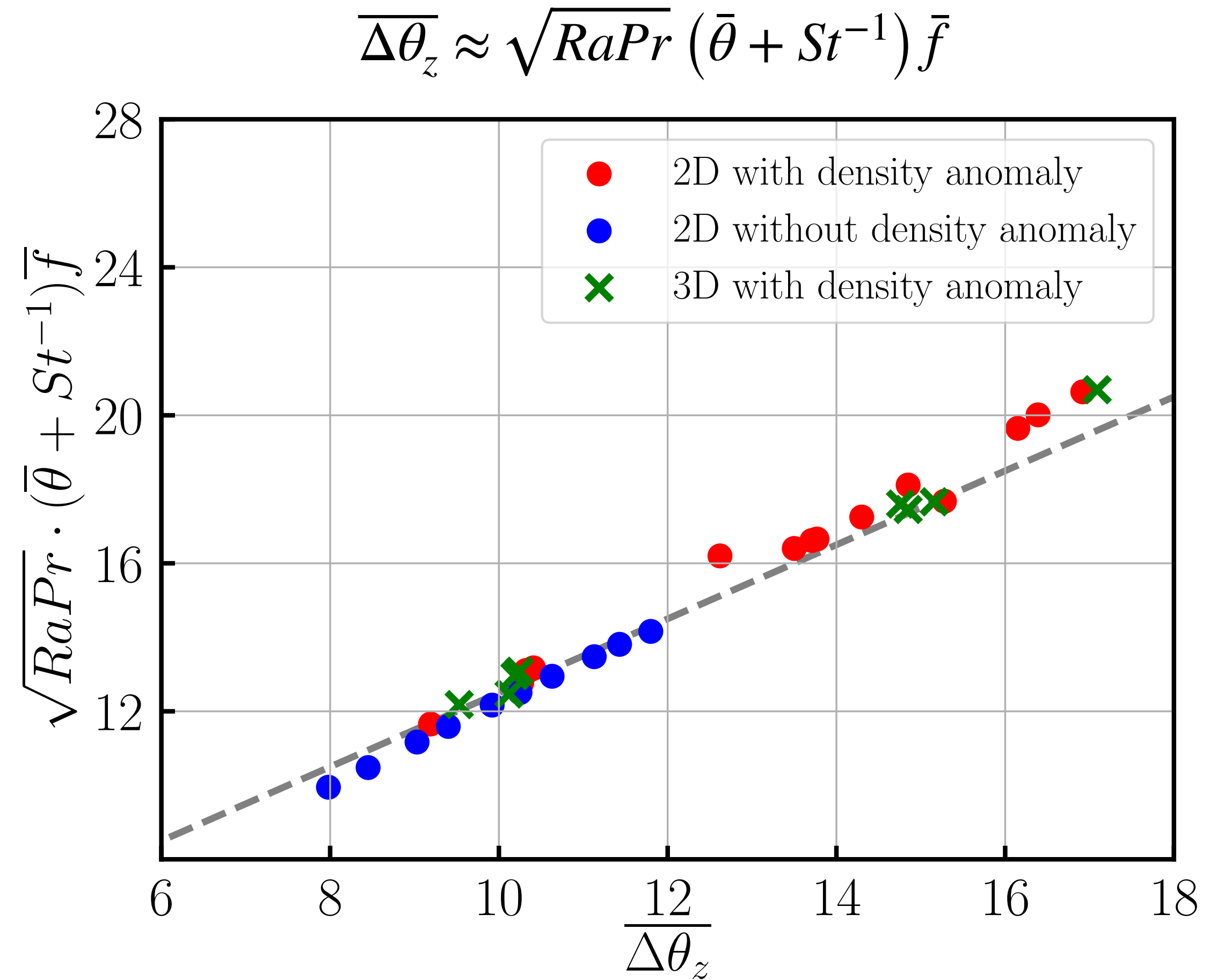
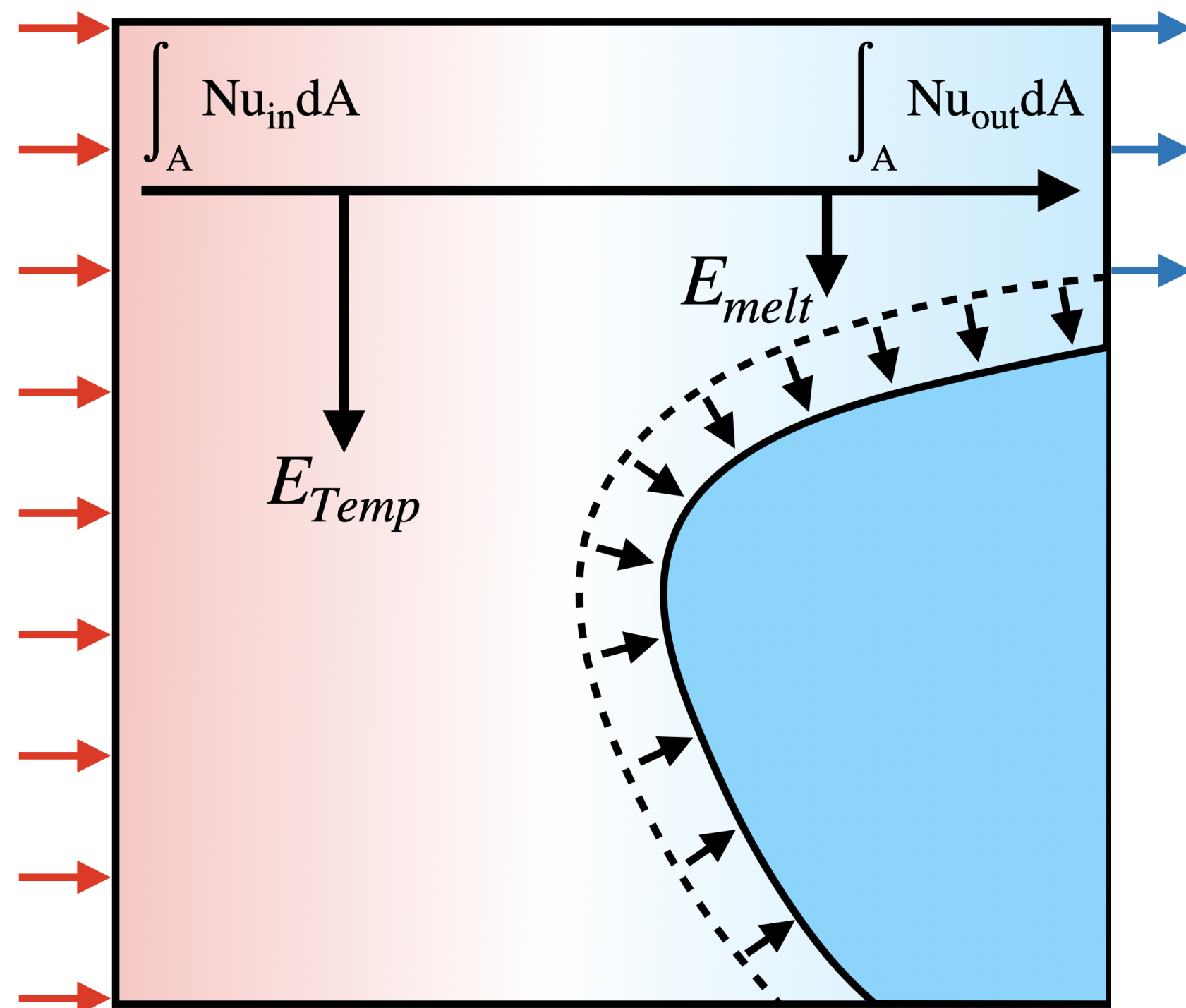
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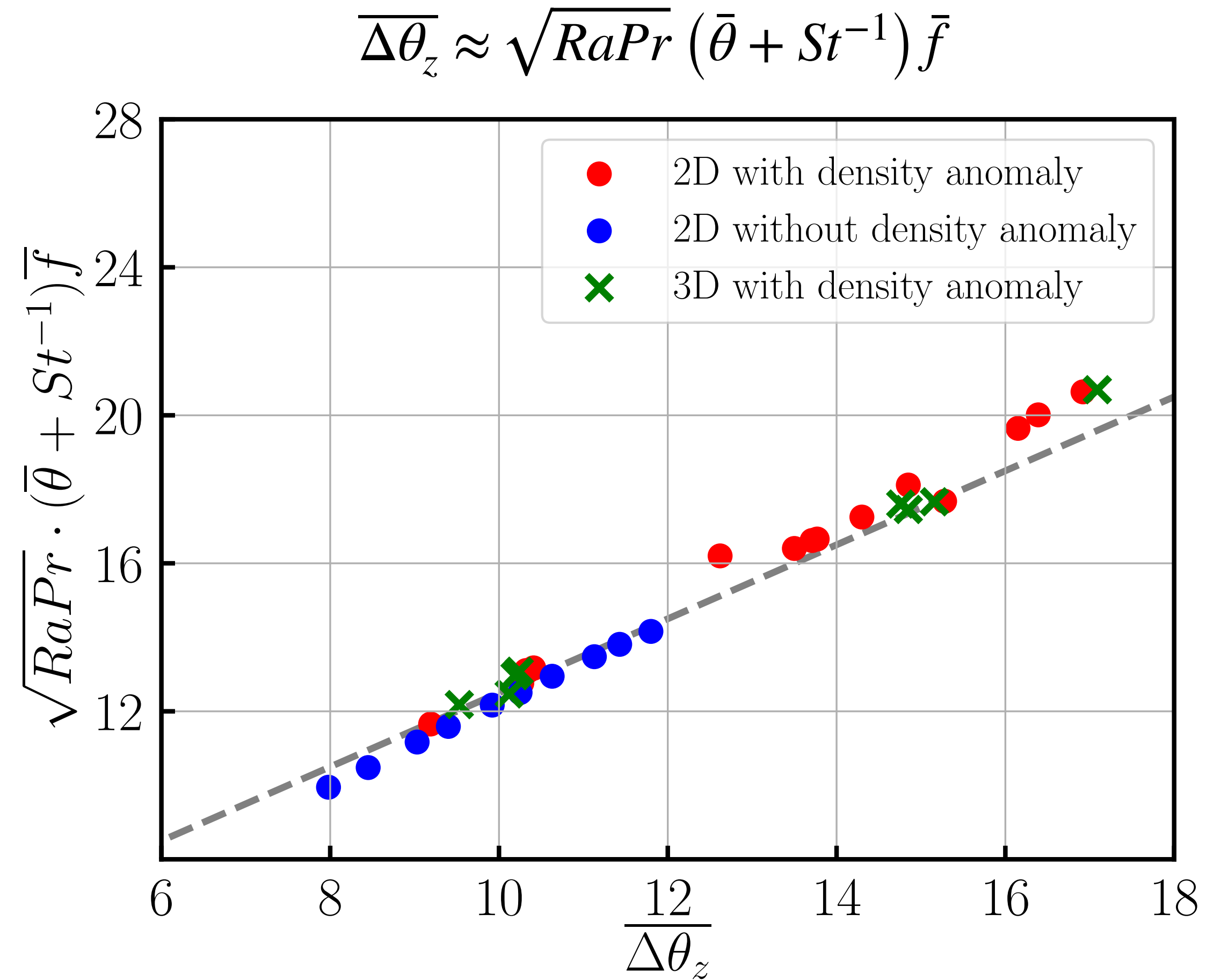
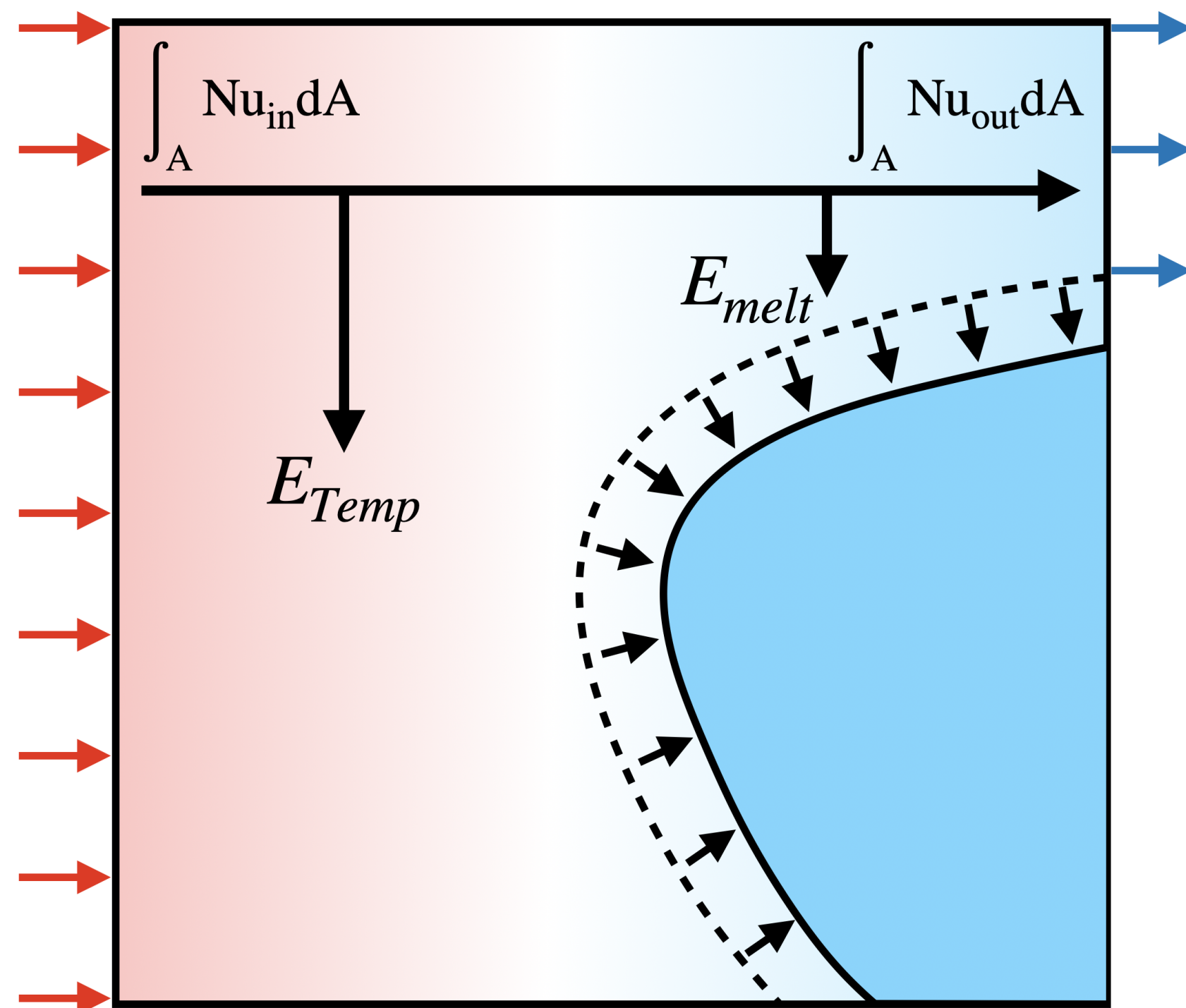


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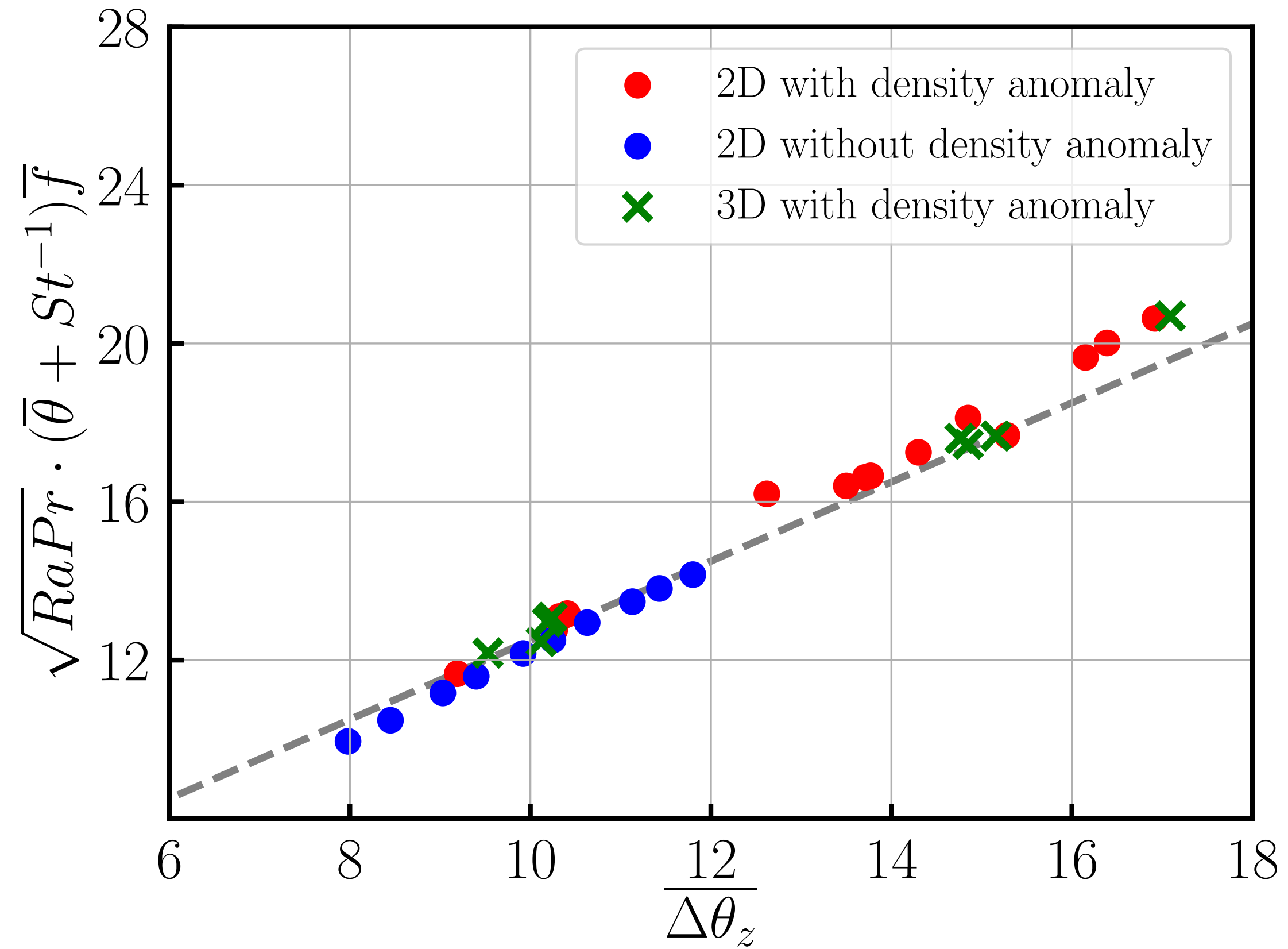
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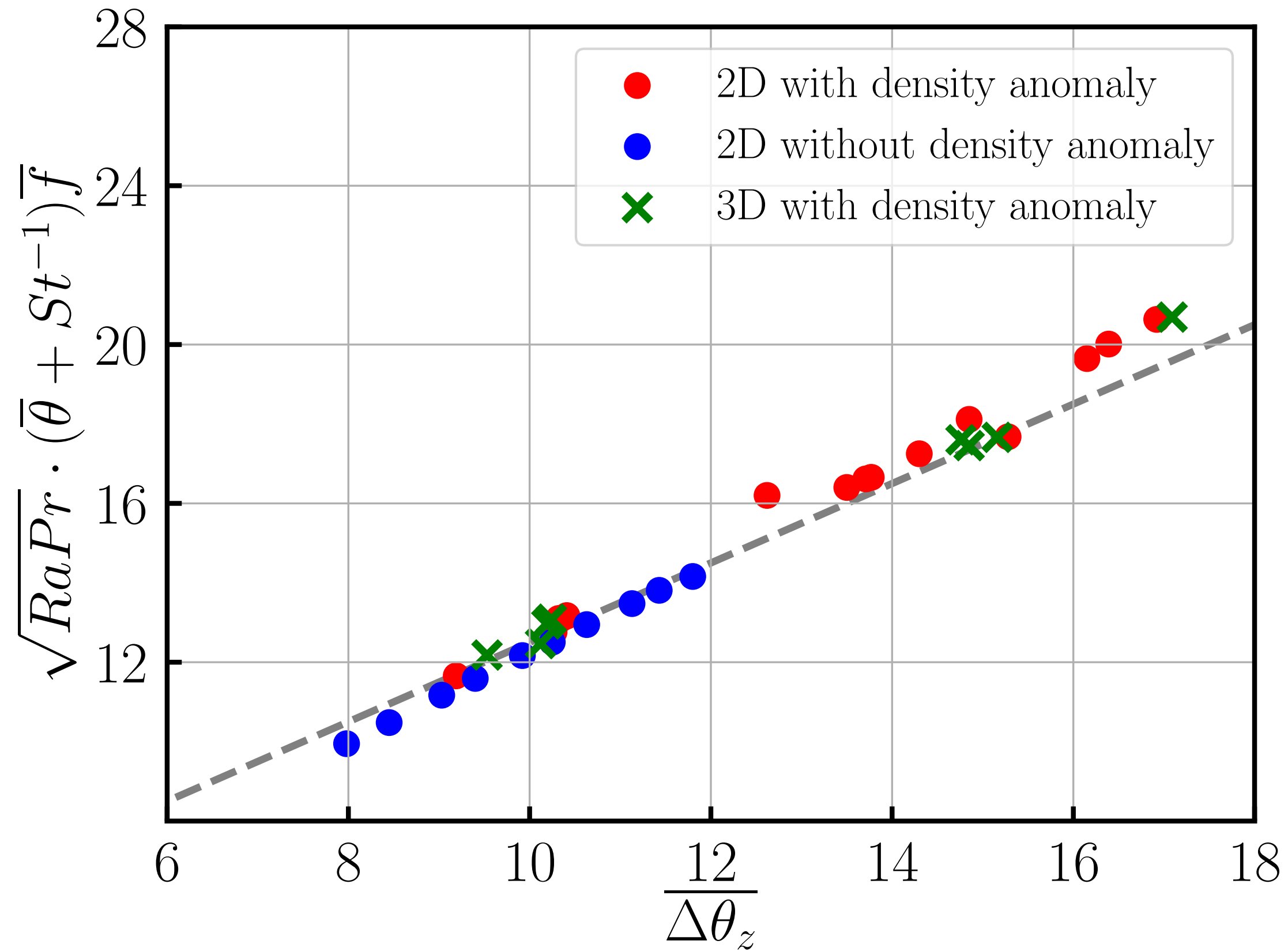
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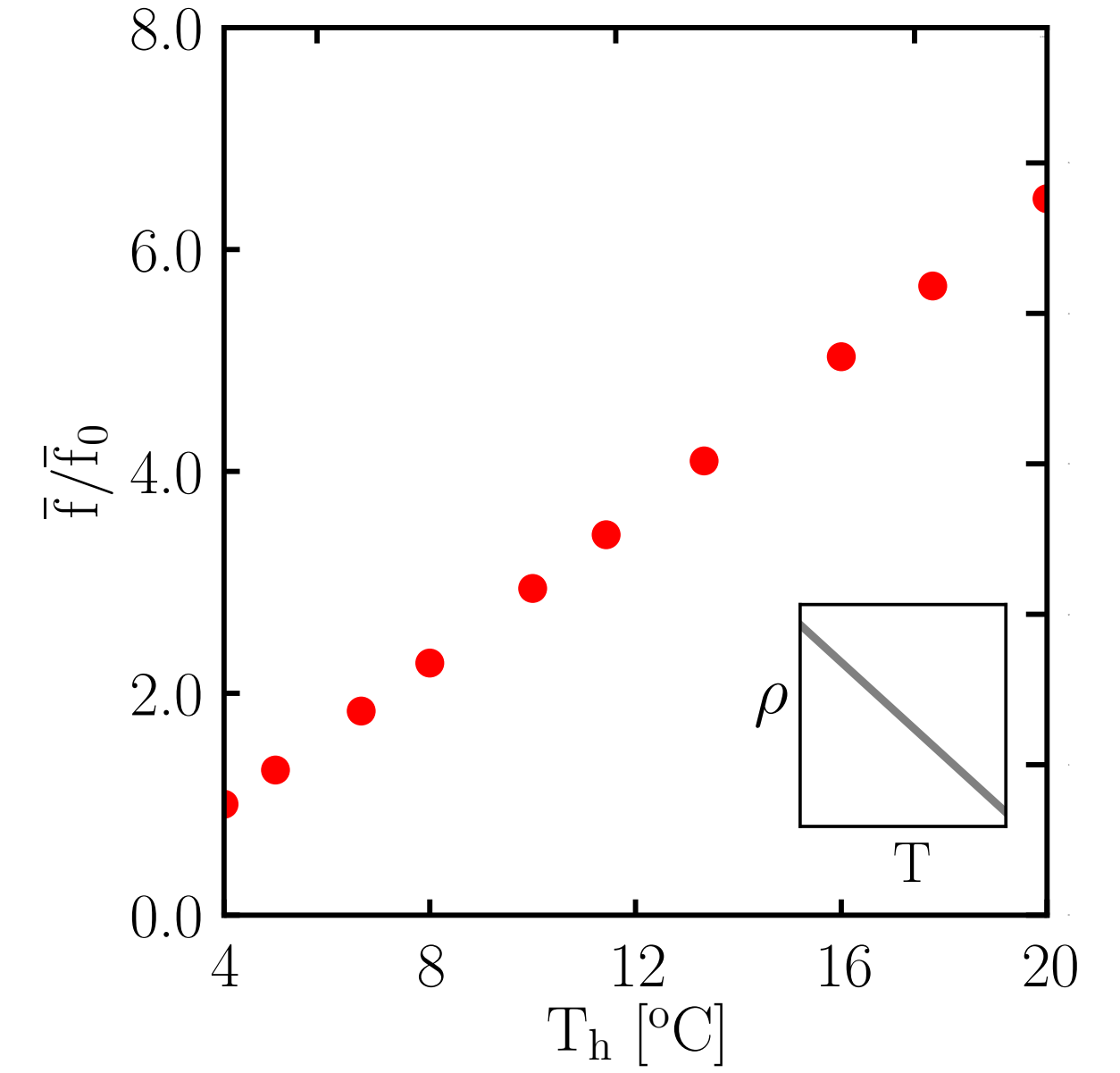


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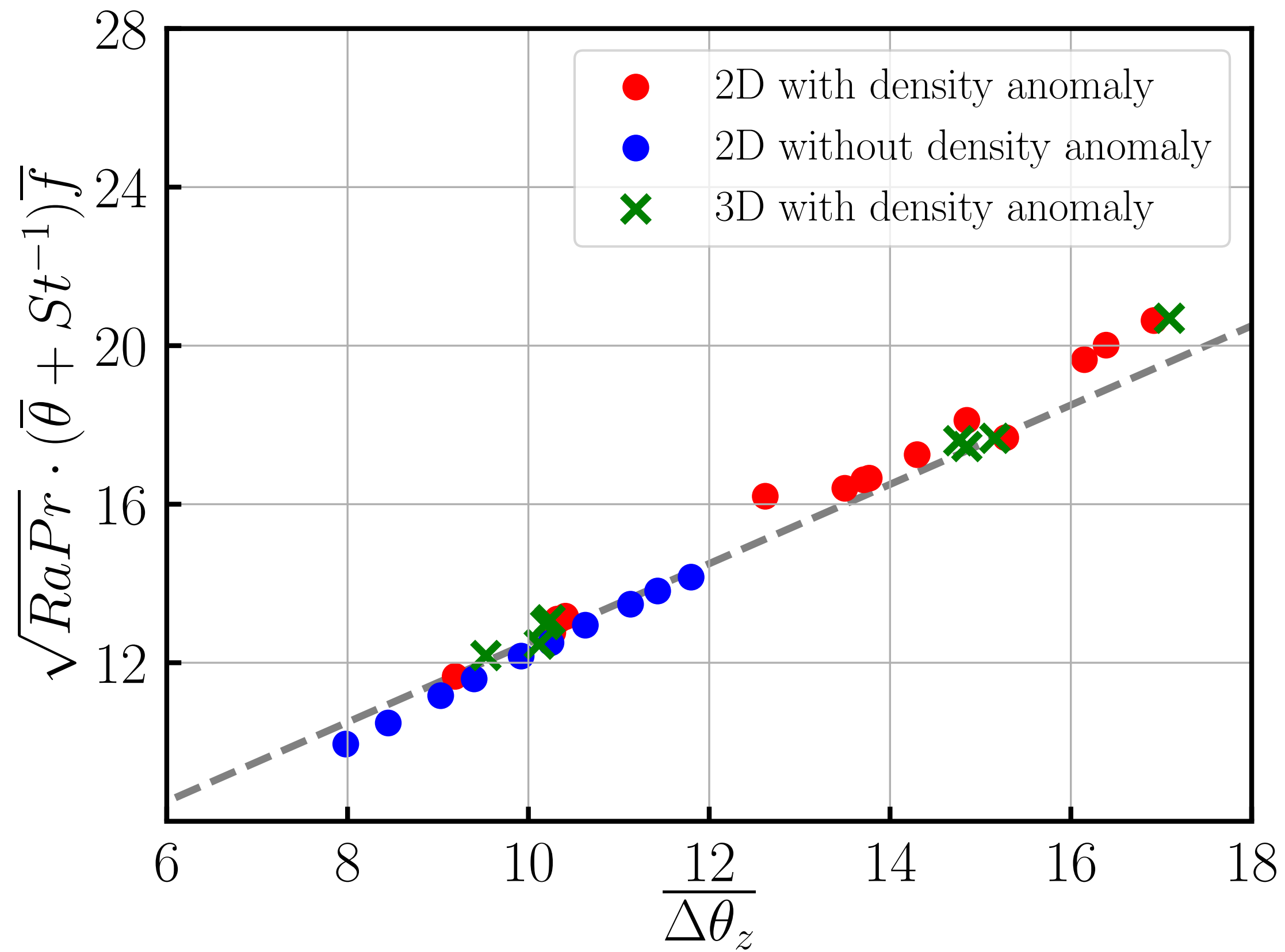


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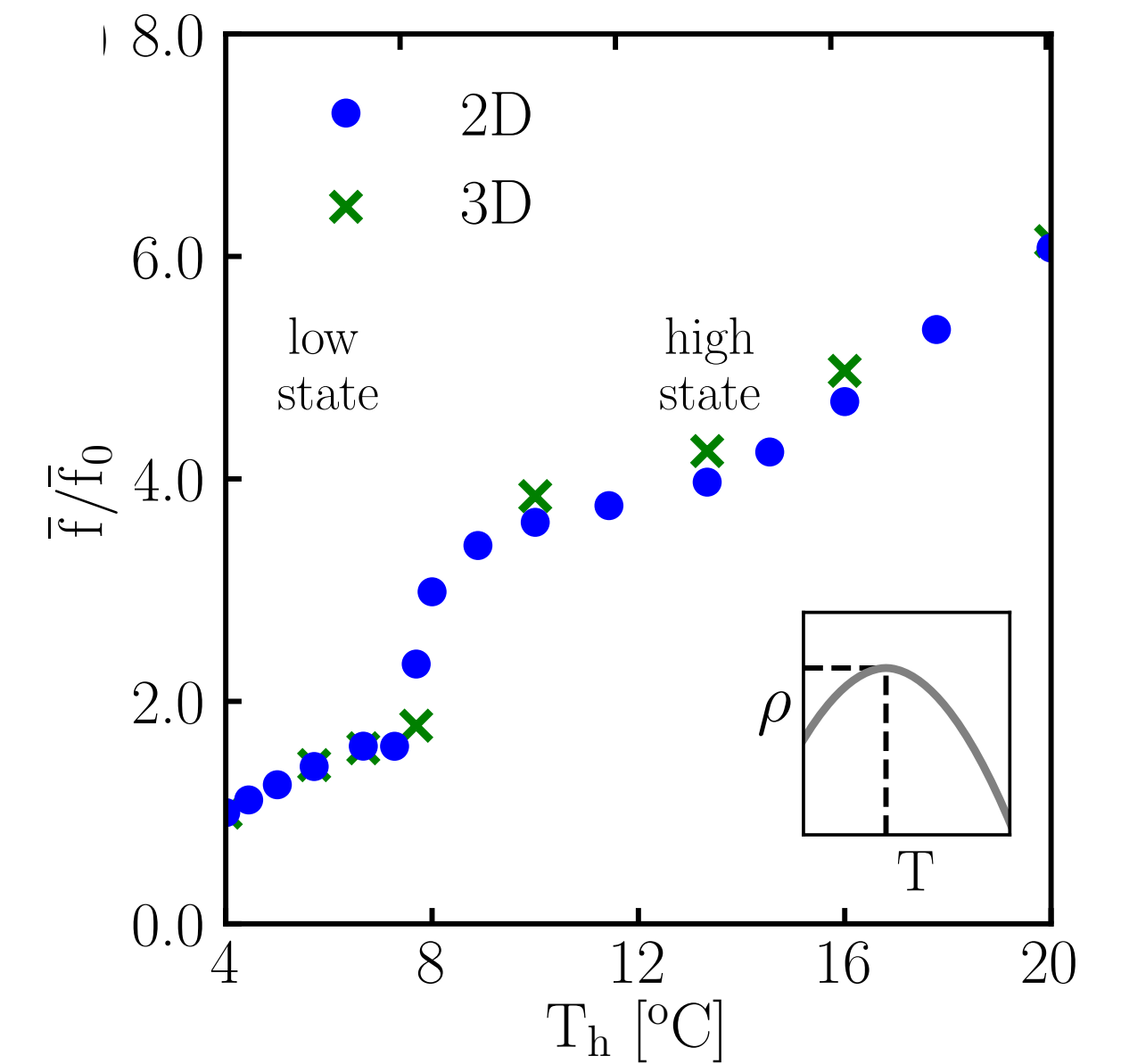
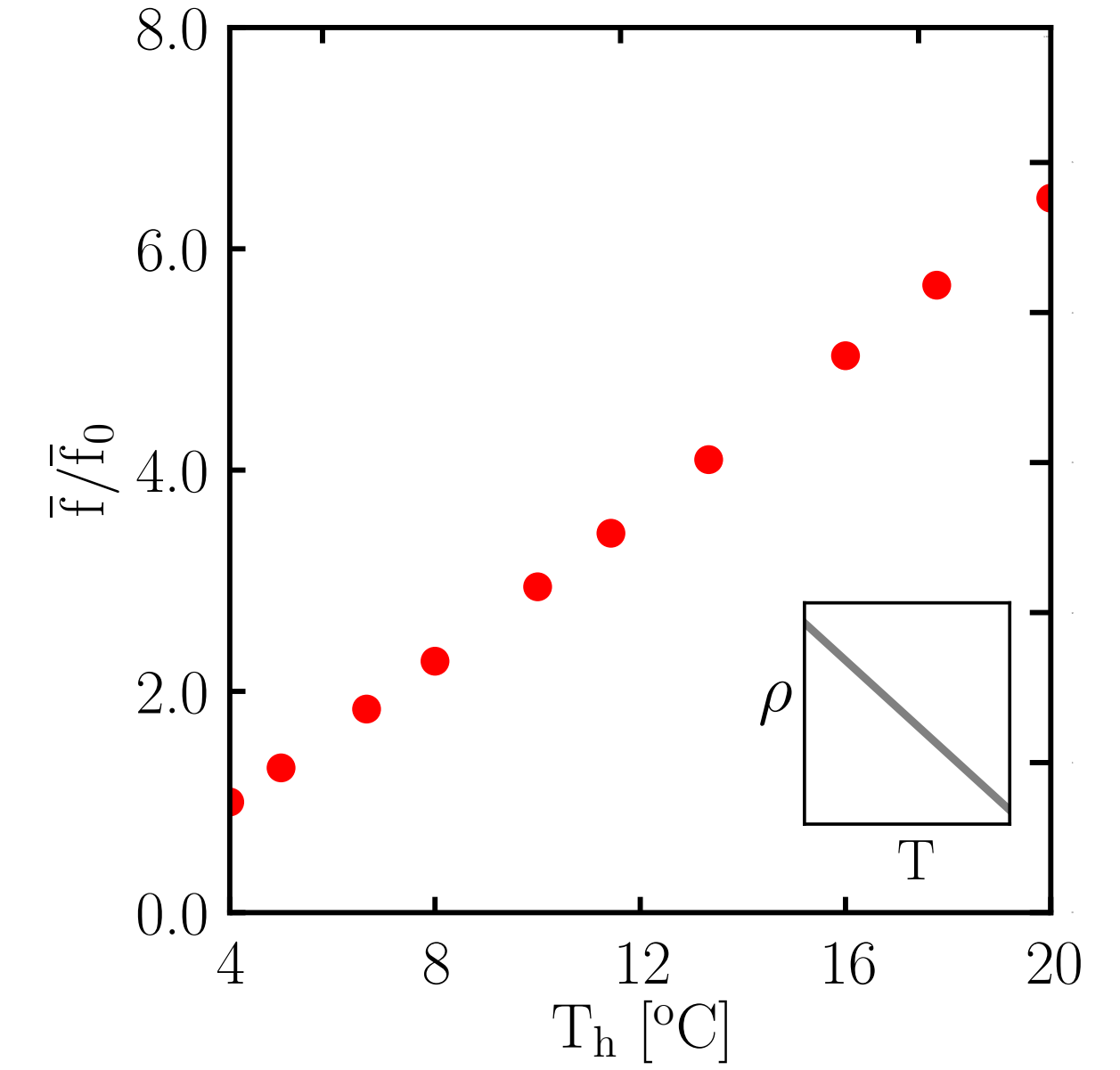
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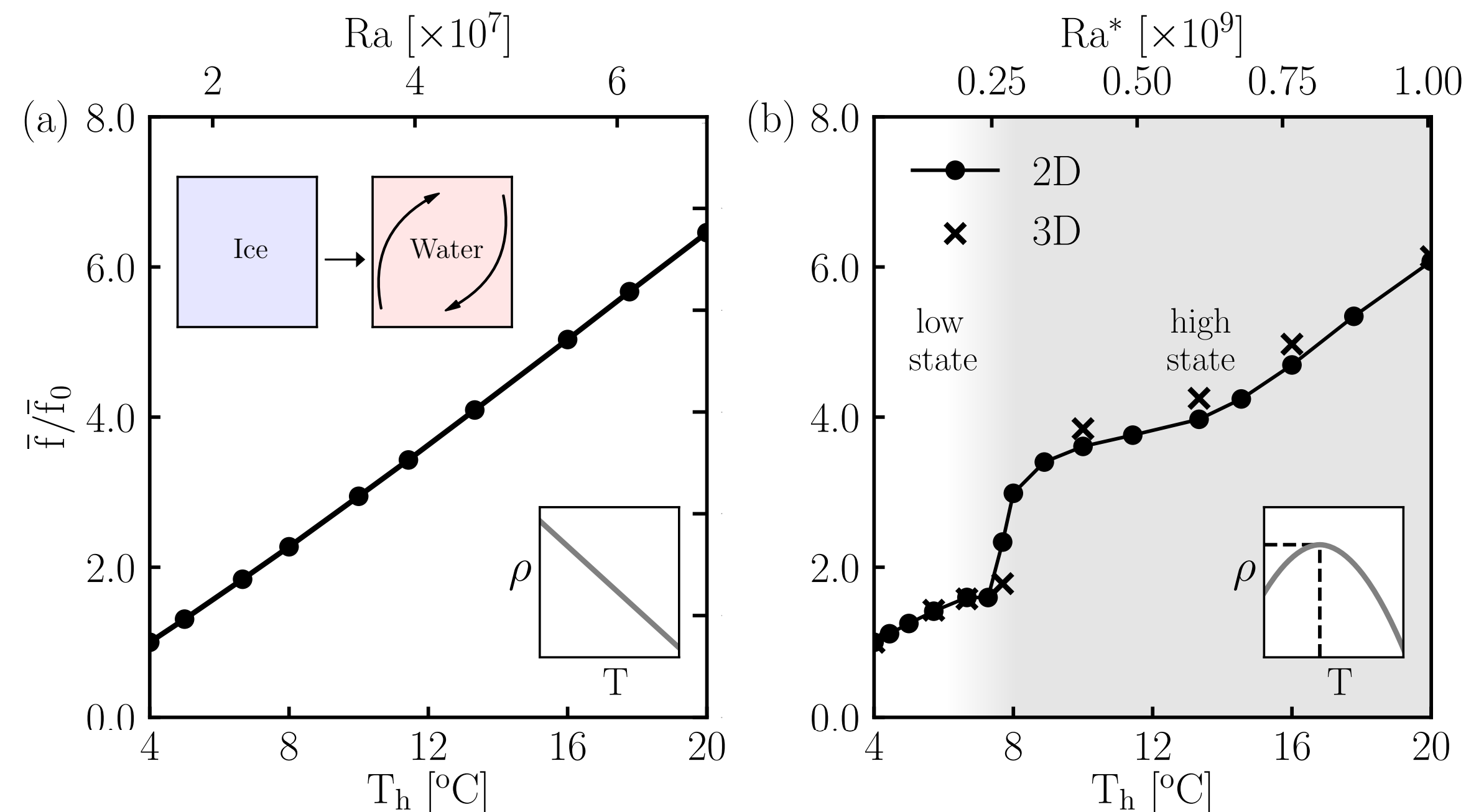
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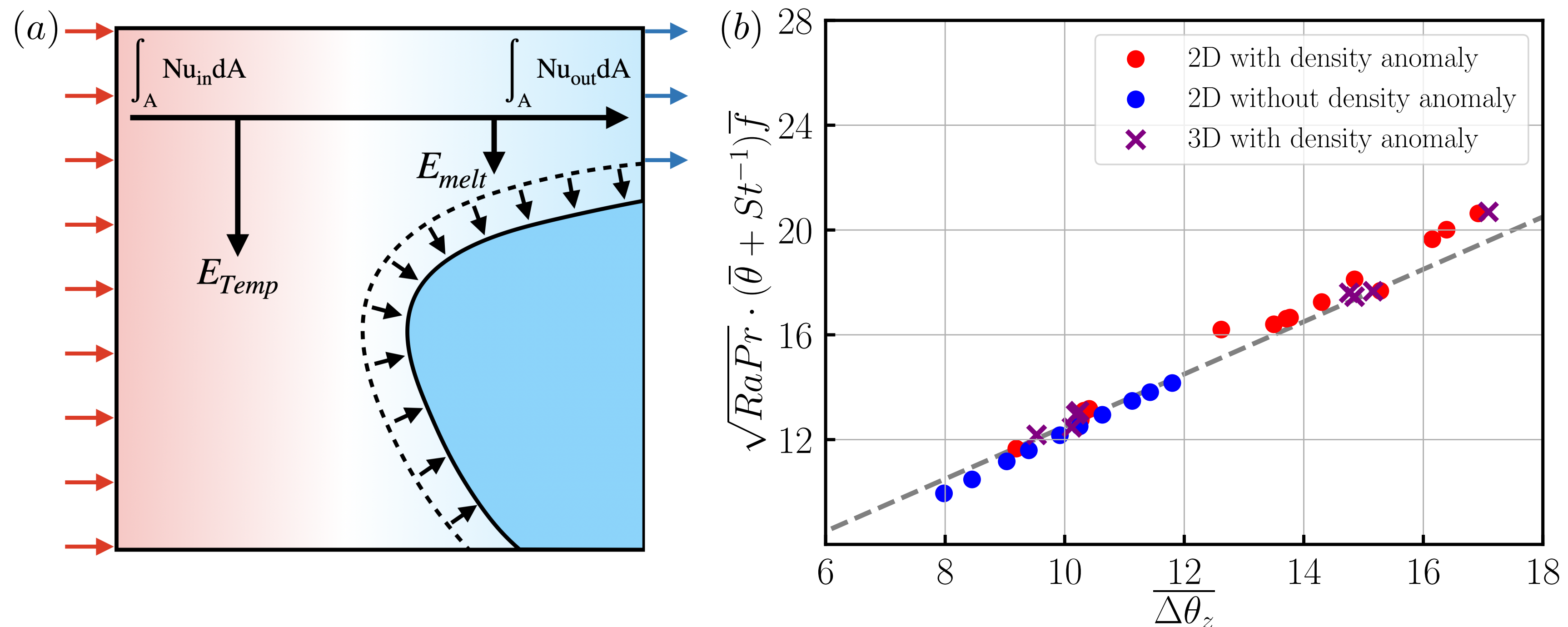
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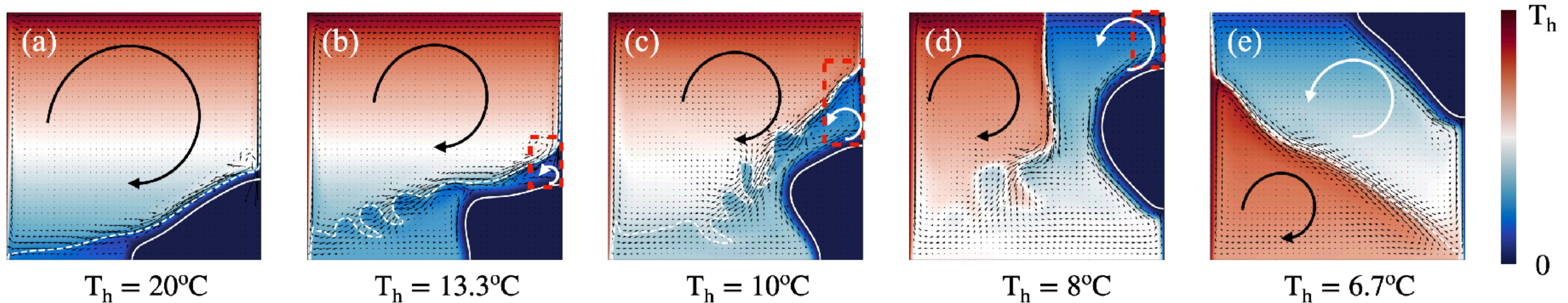
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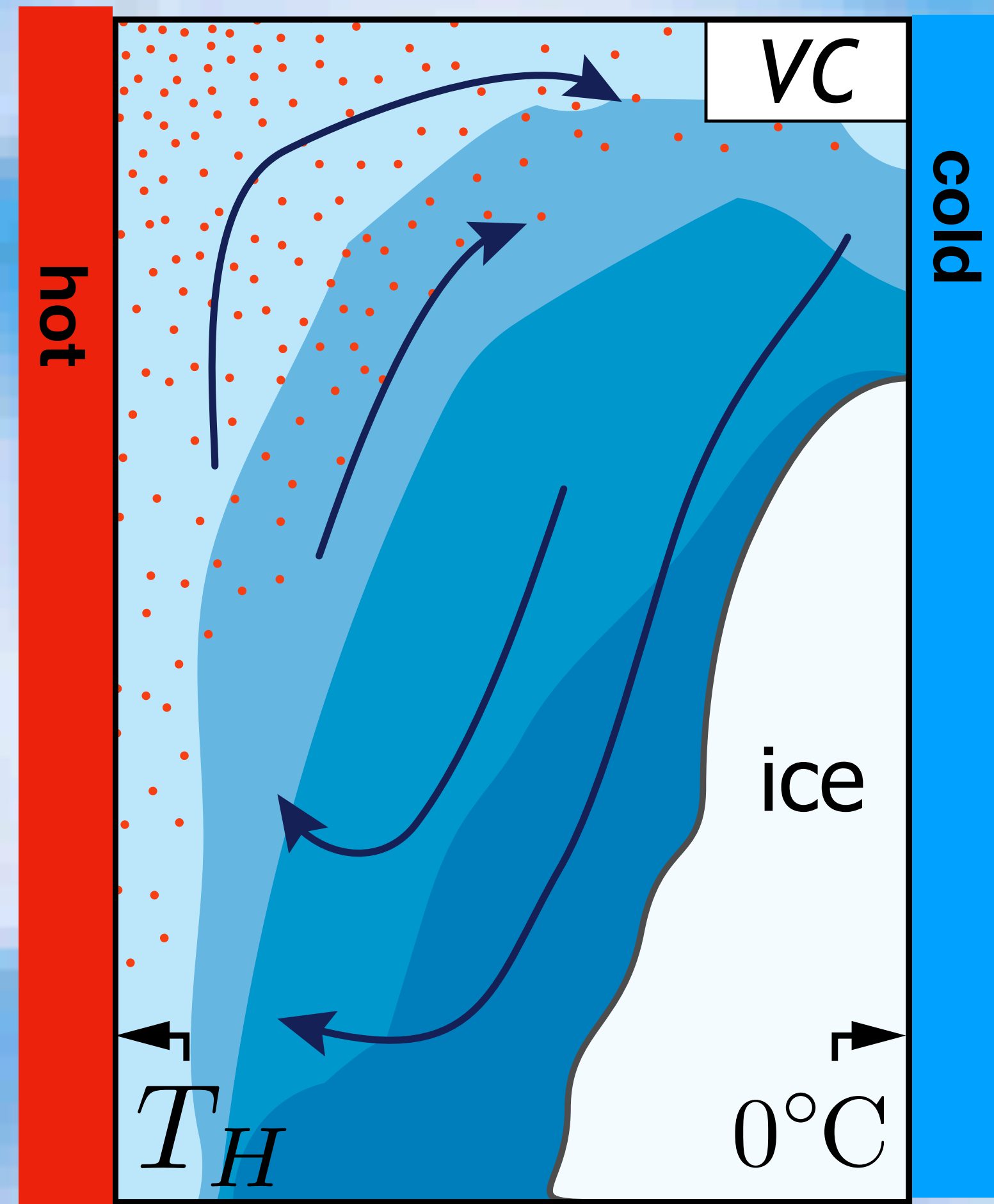
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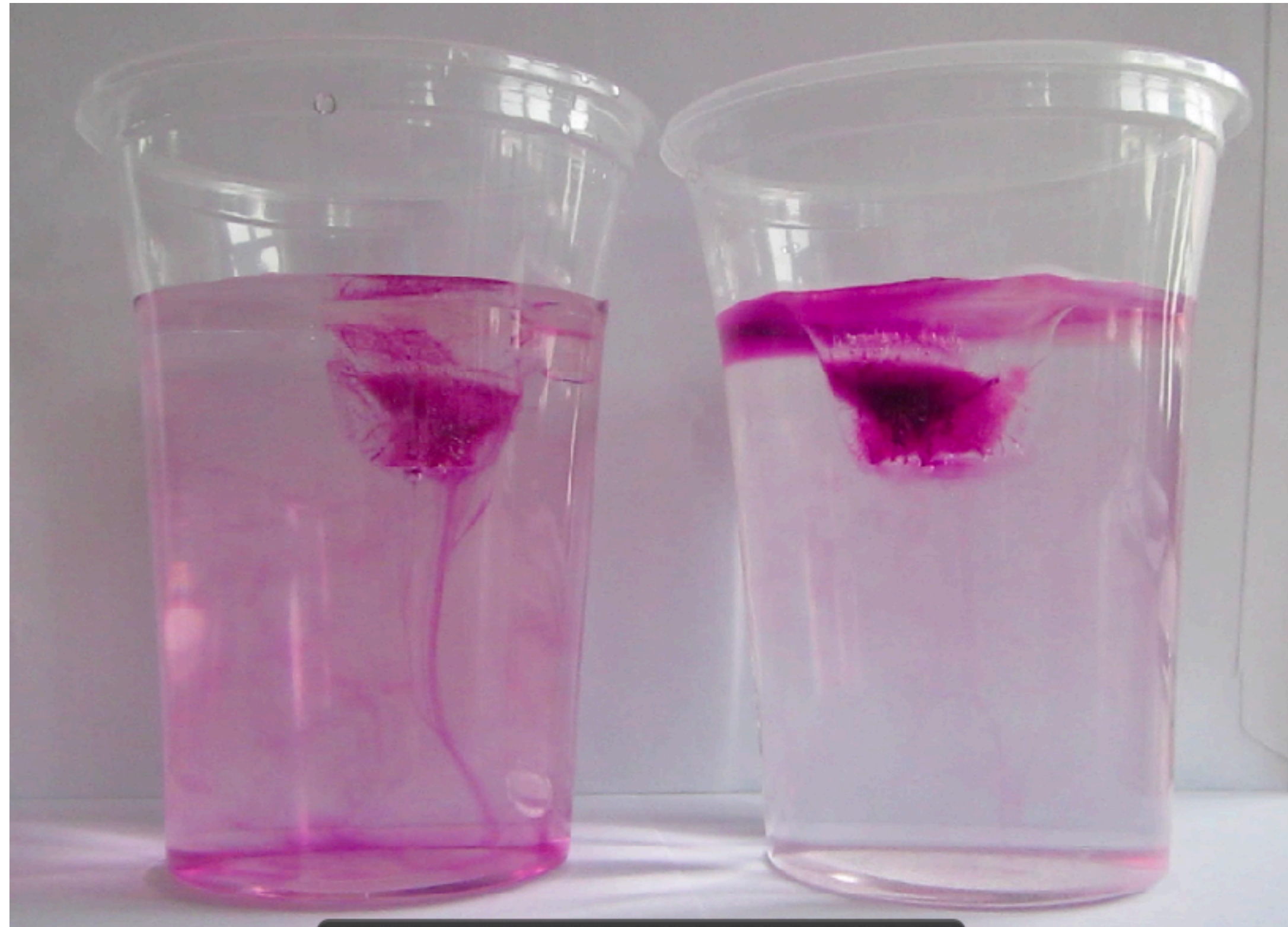
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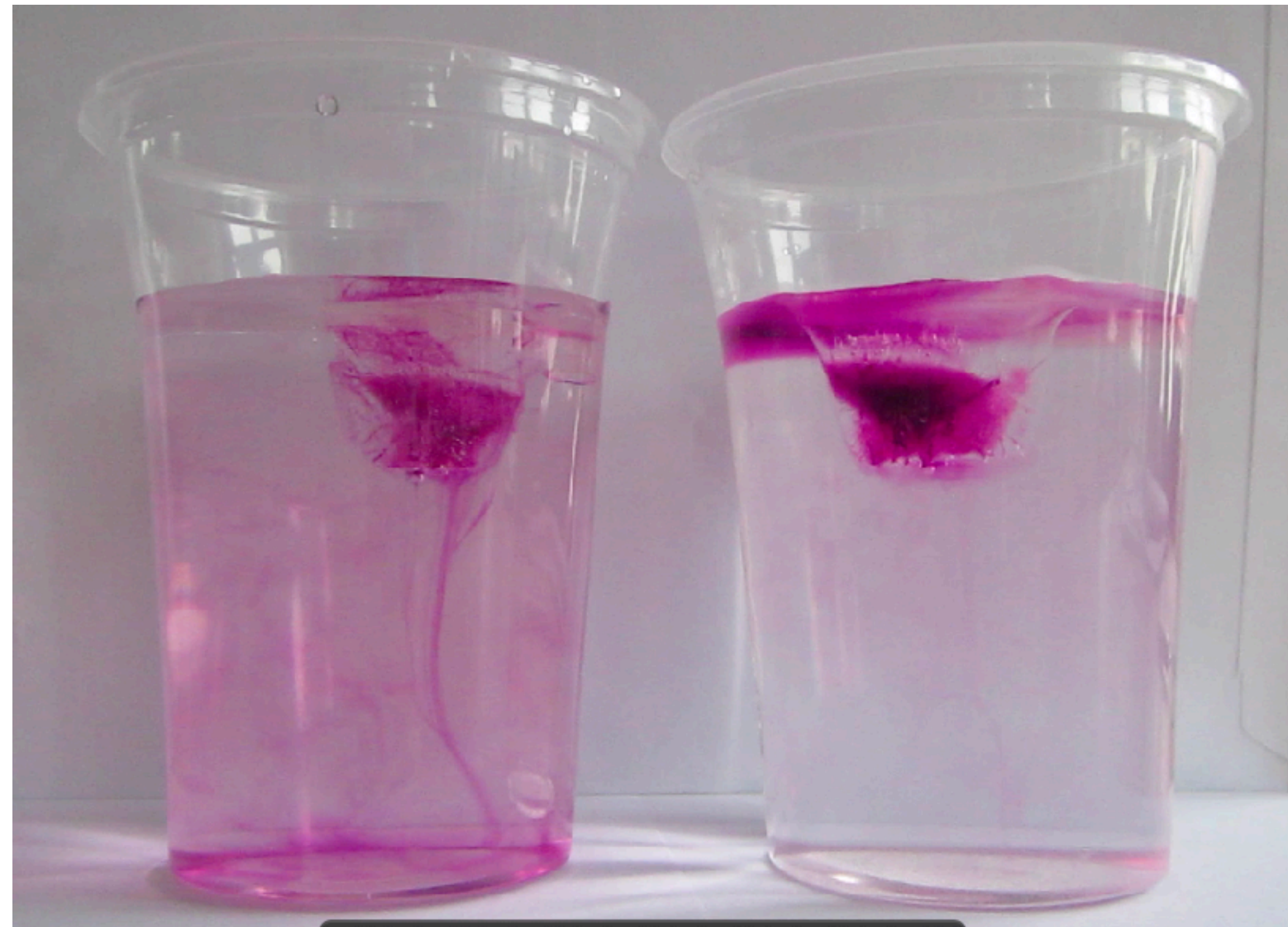
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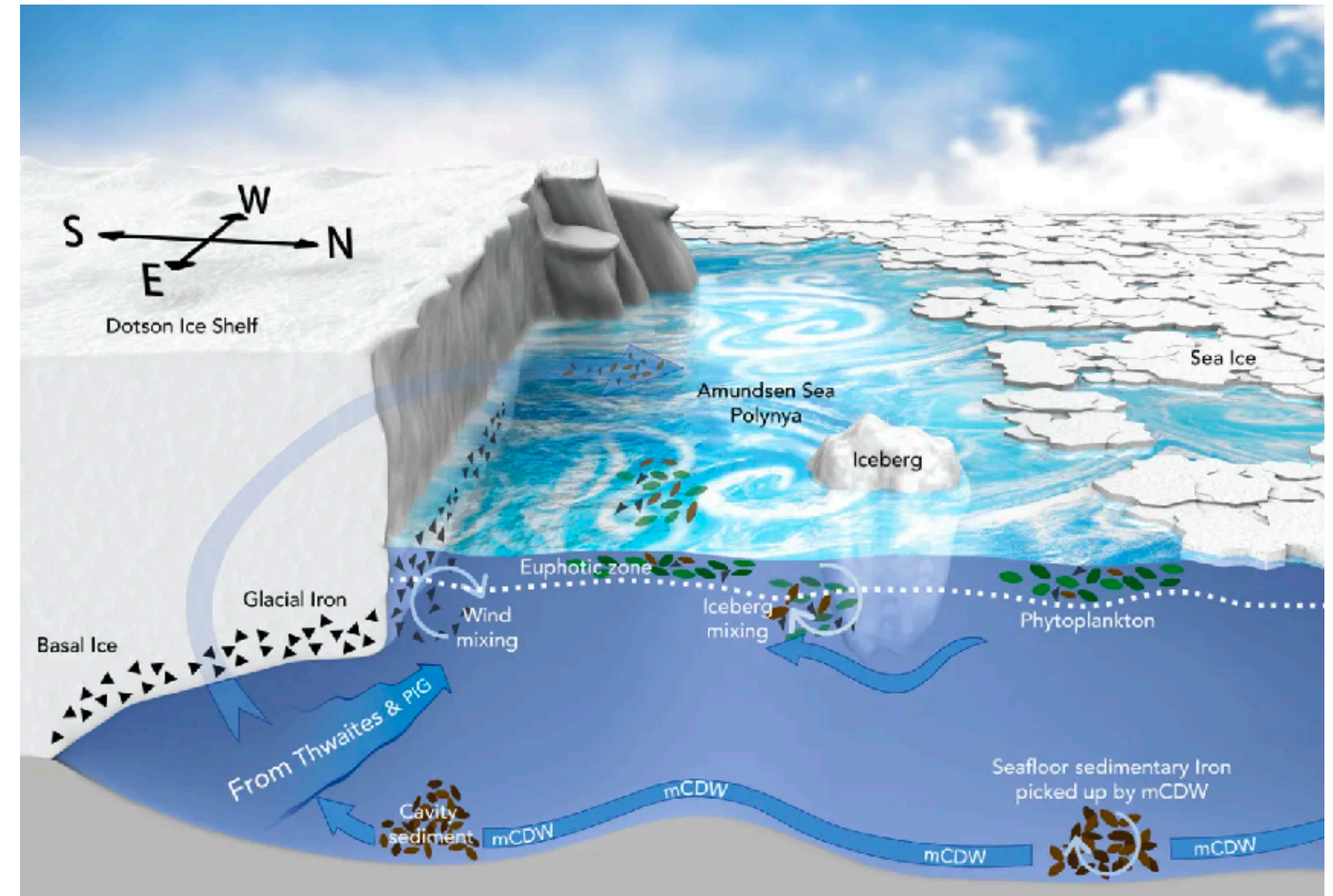


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Ice melting in ocean

Questions to ask

- How fast does the ice melt (global melt rate)?
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- How to upscale to glacier scale and beyond?

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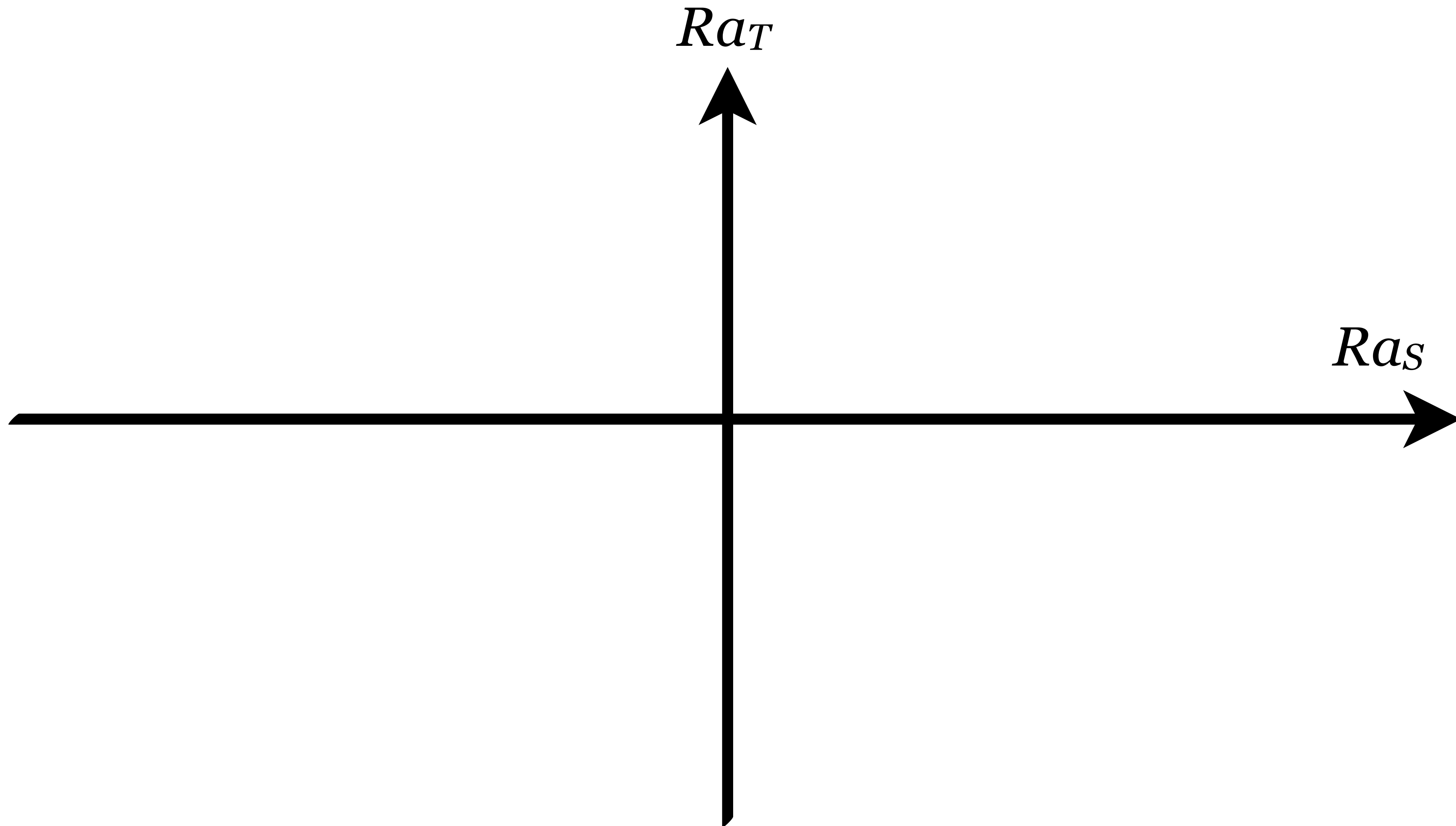
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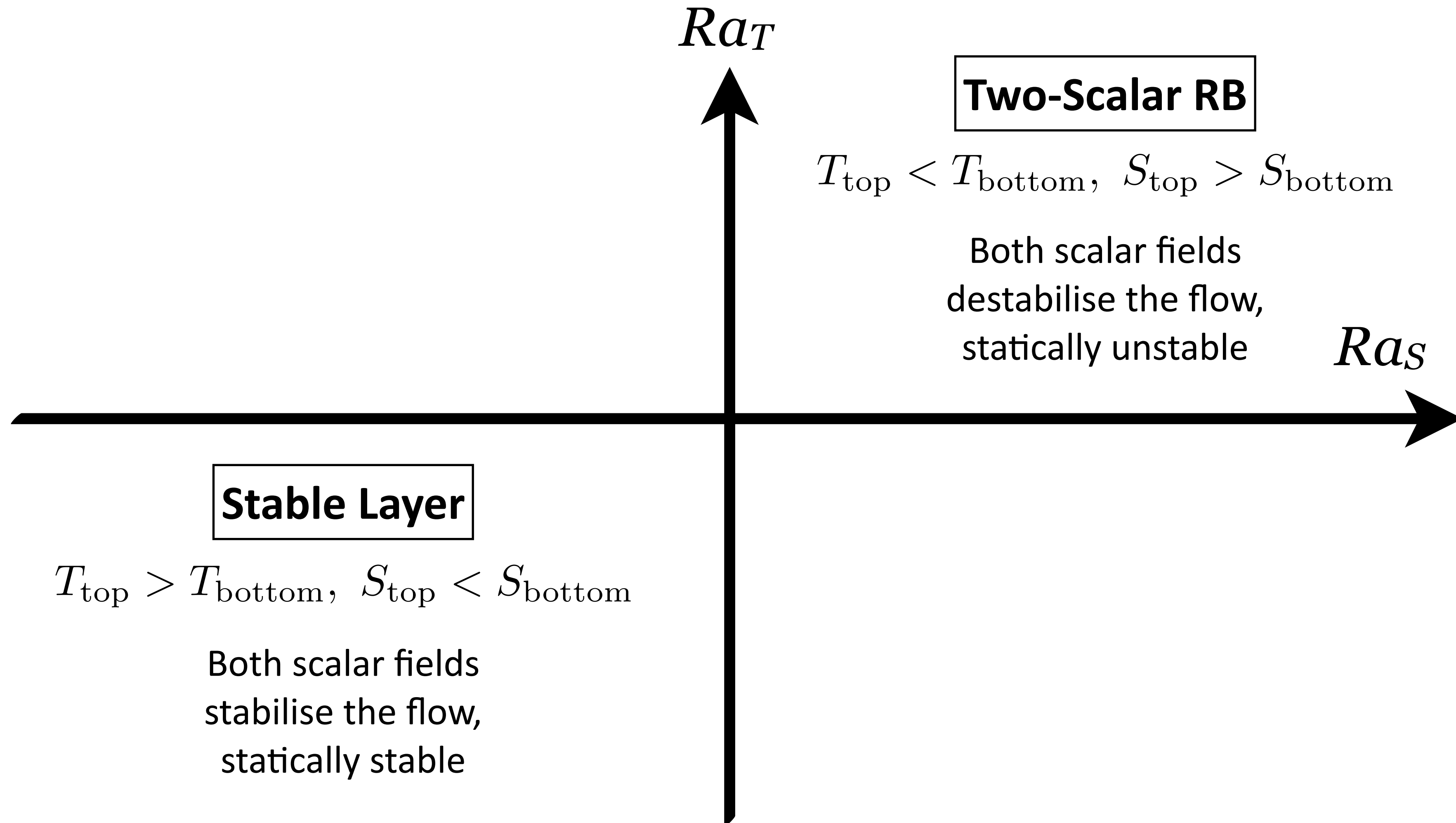
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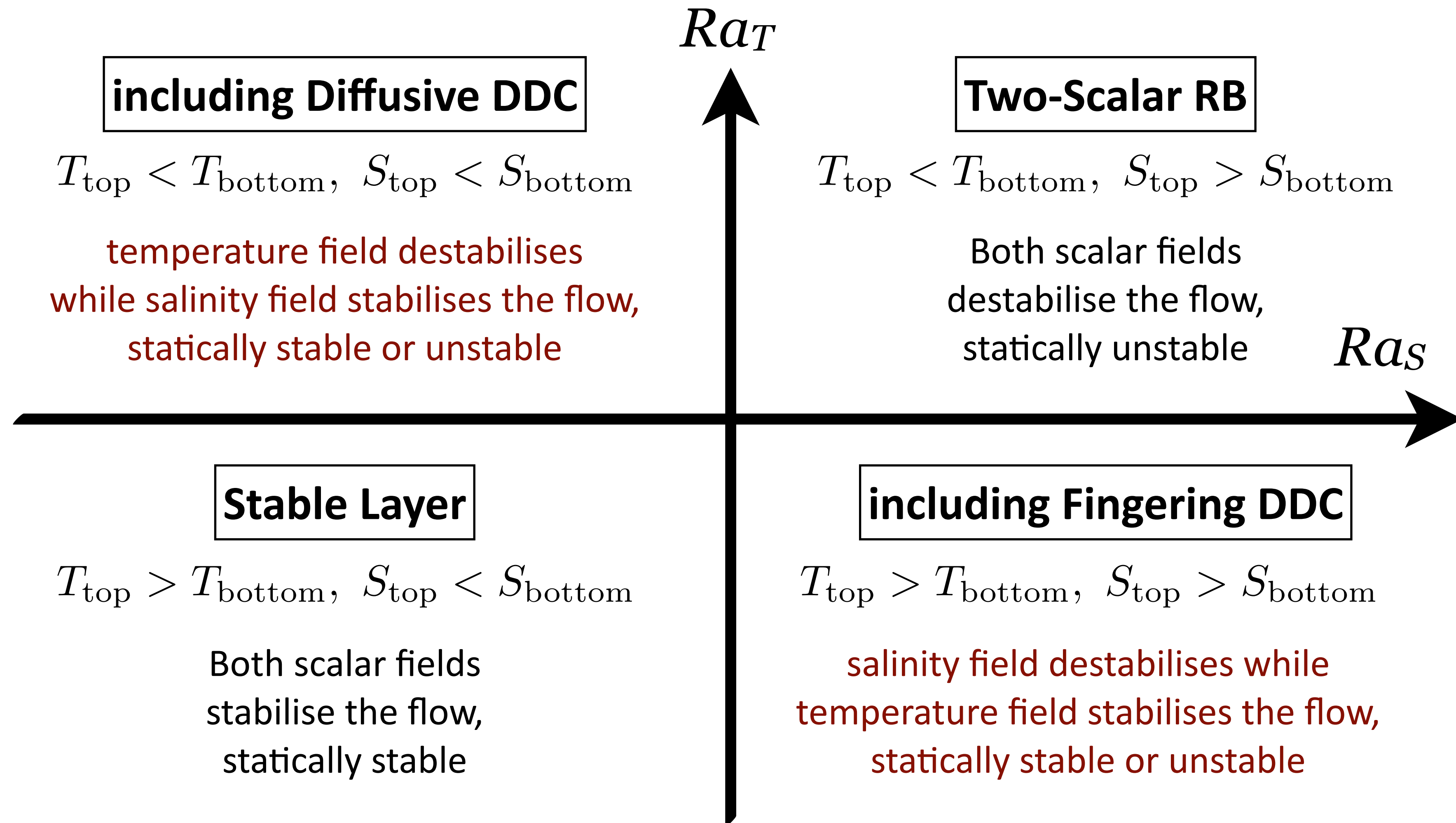
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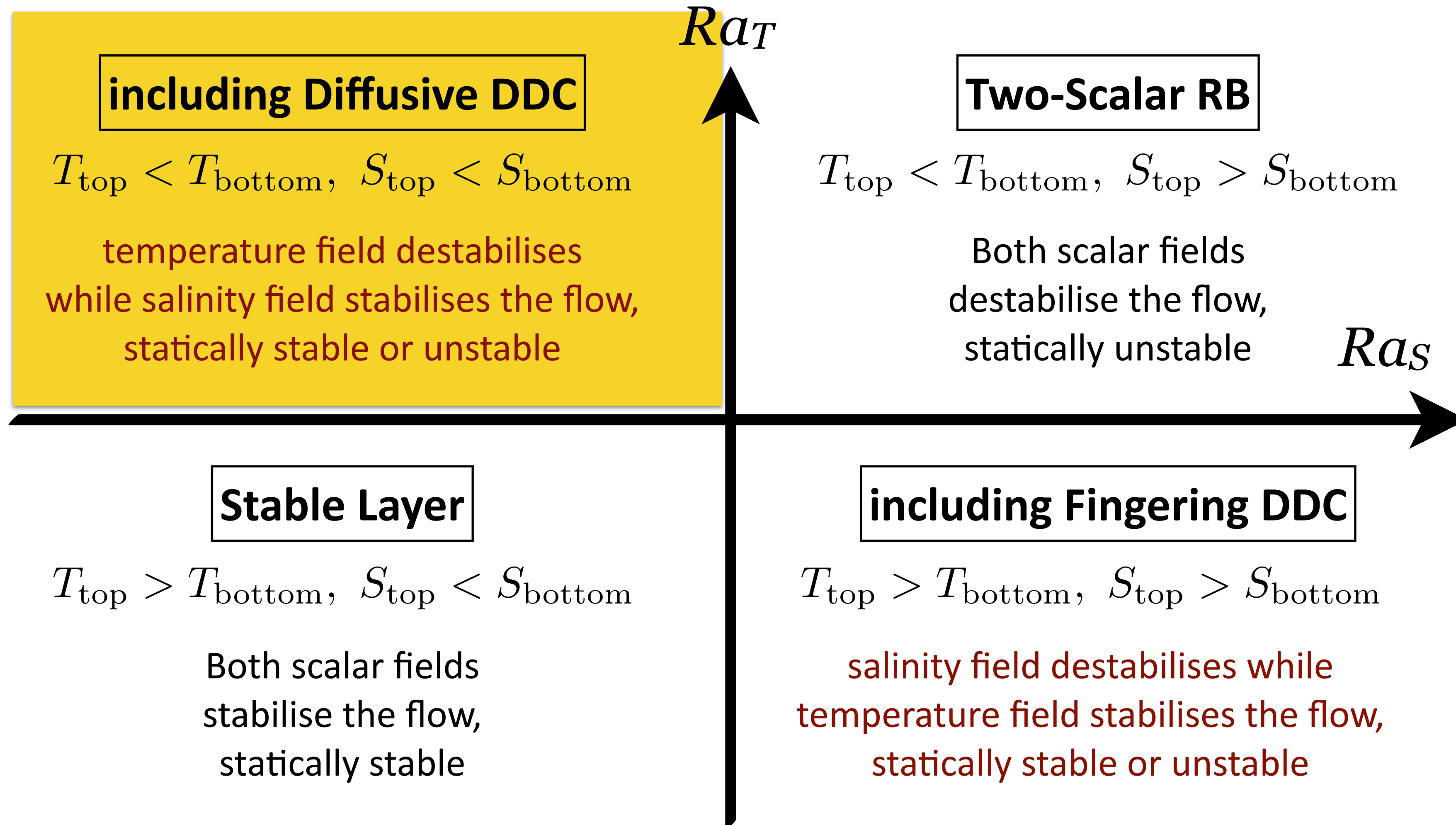
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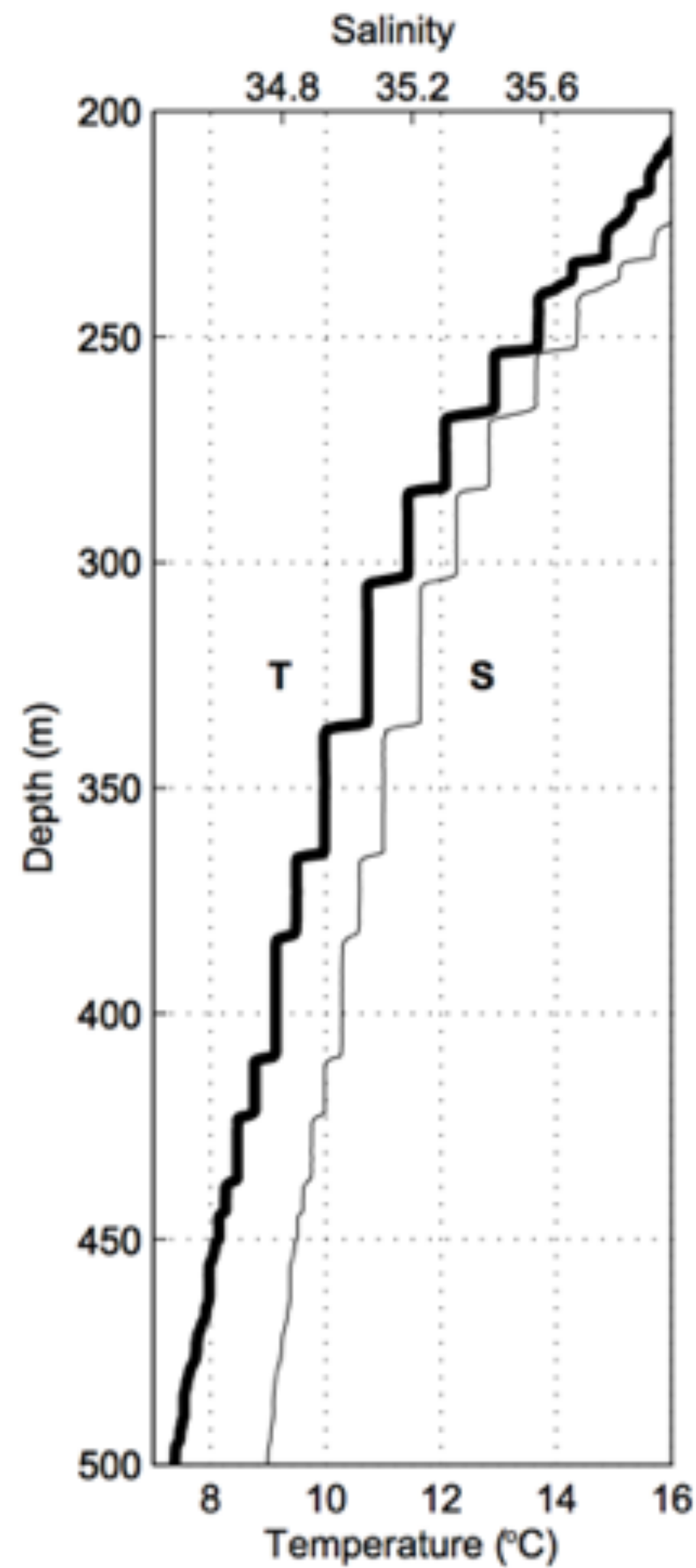
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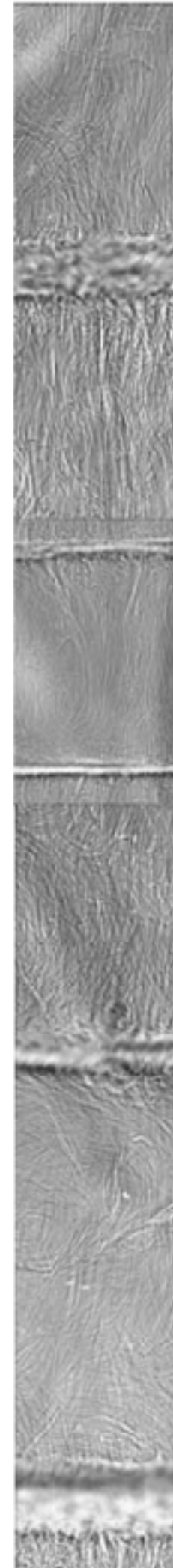
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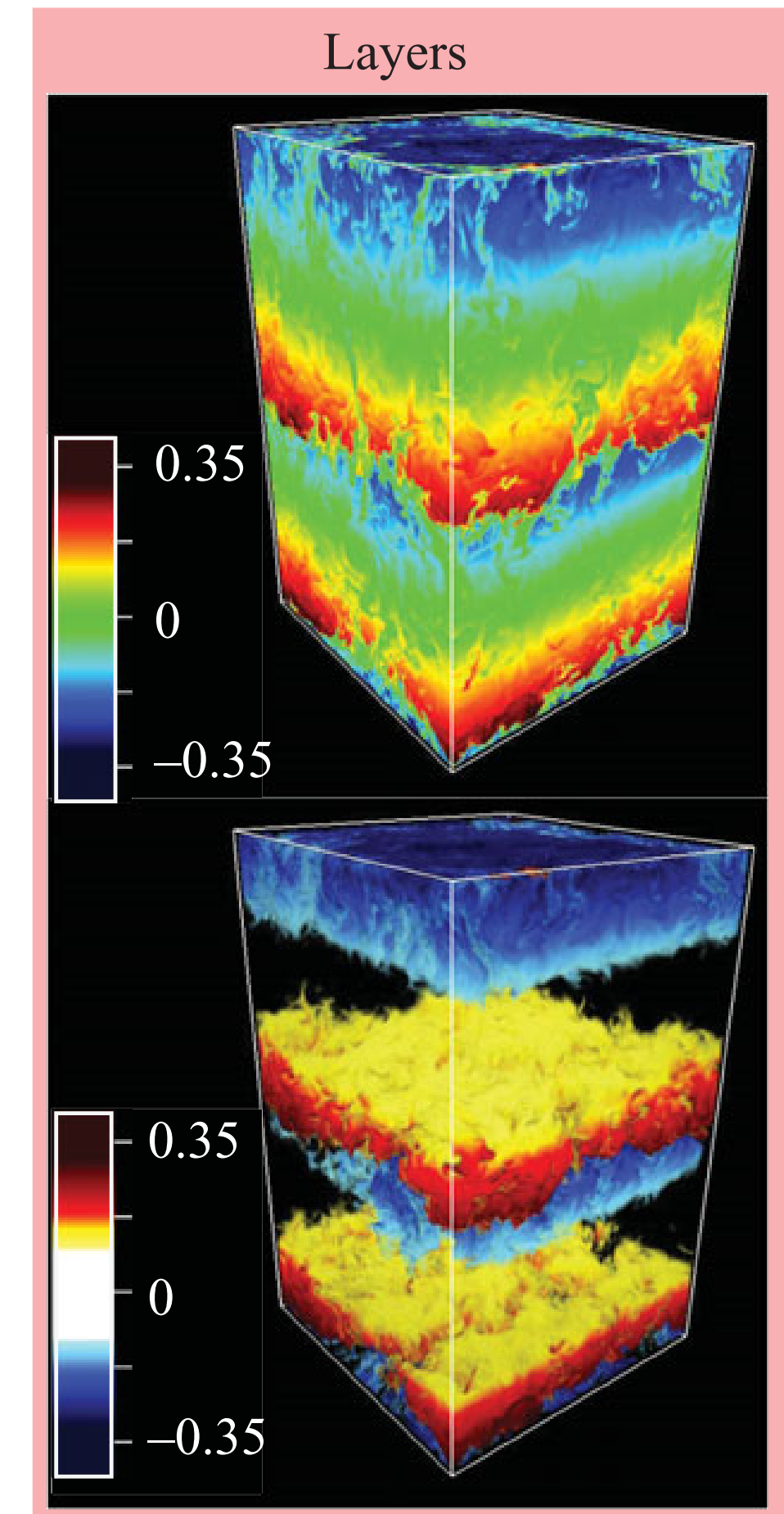


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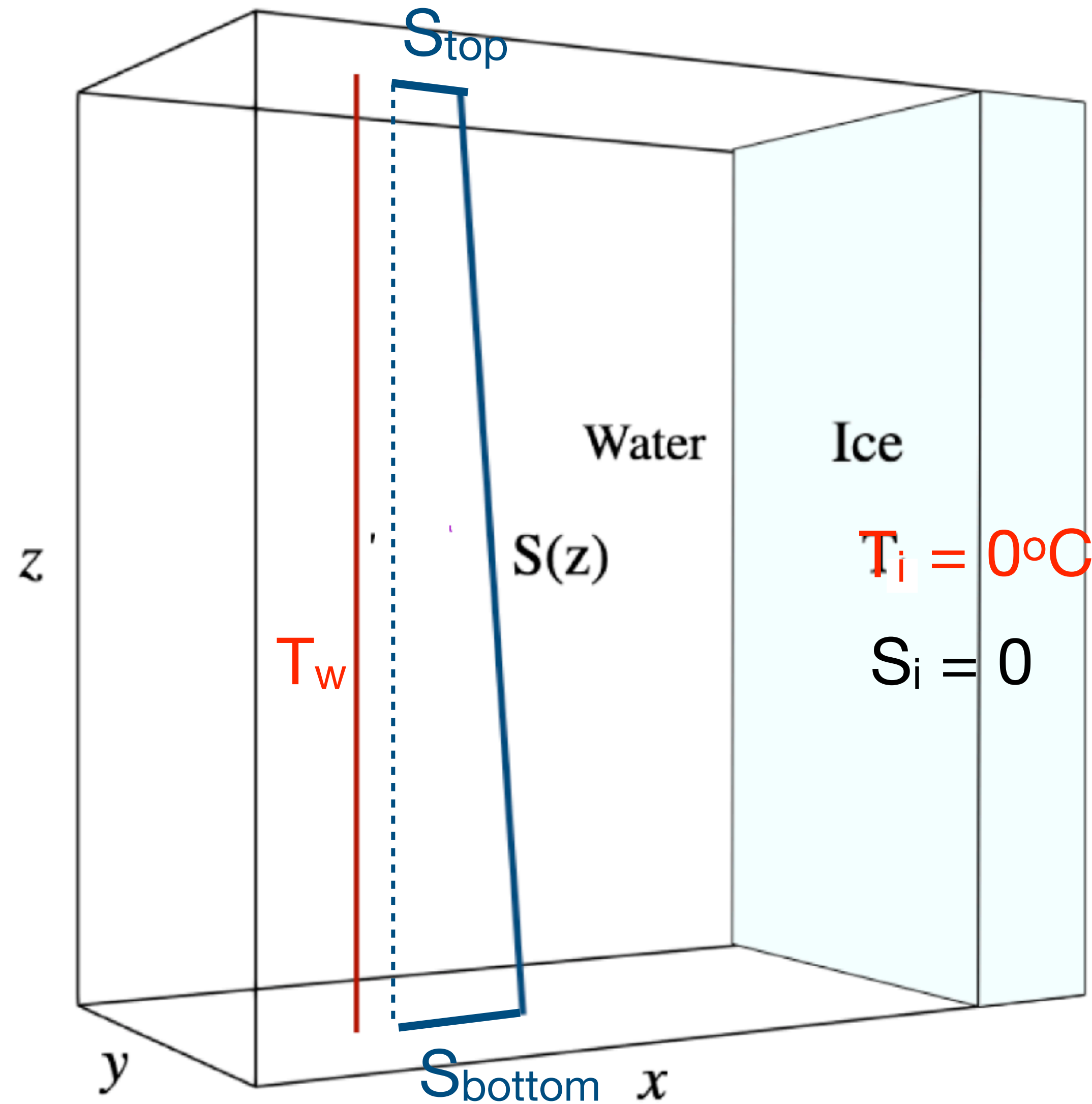
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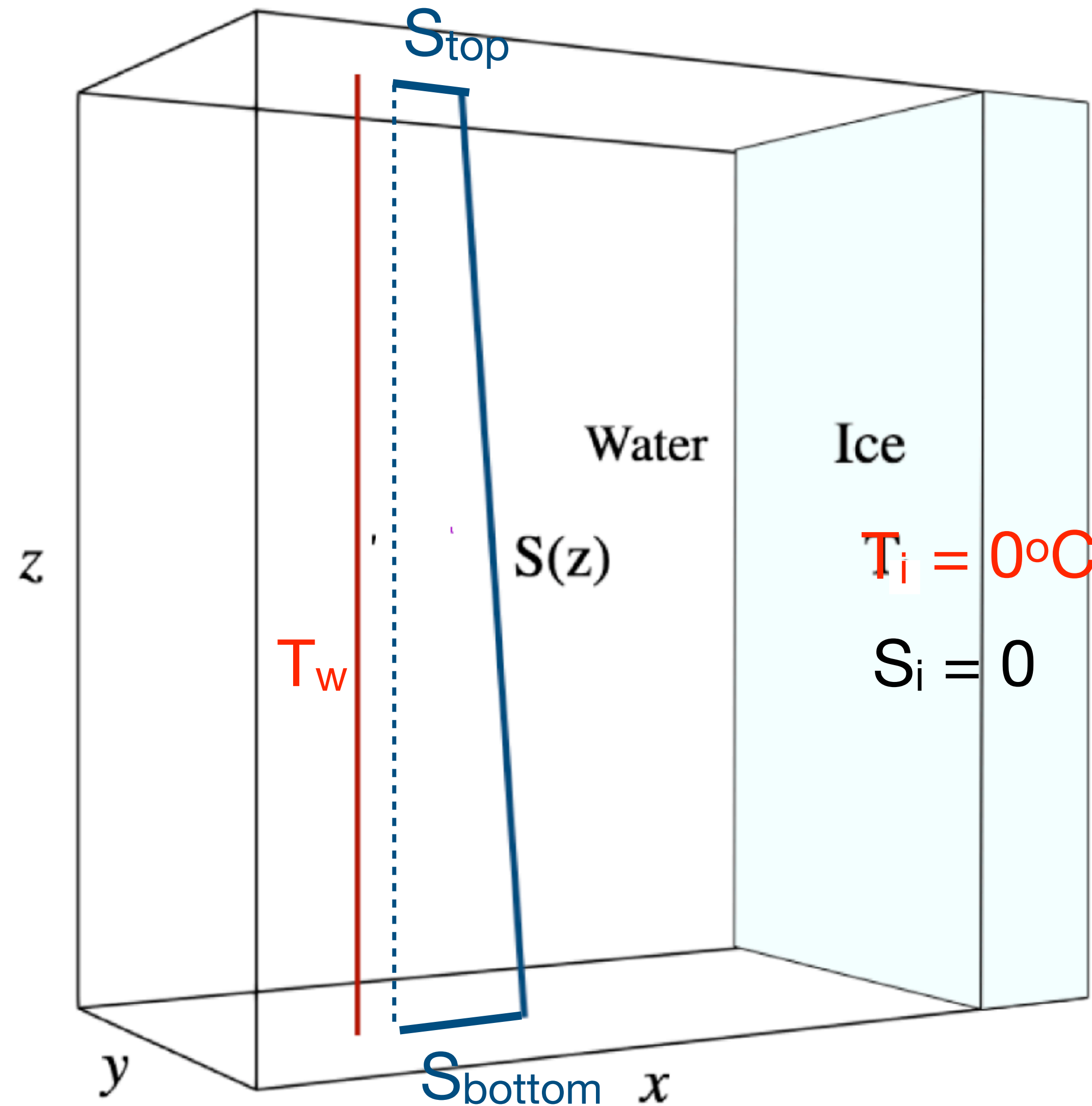
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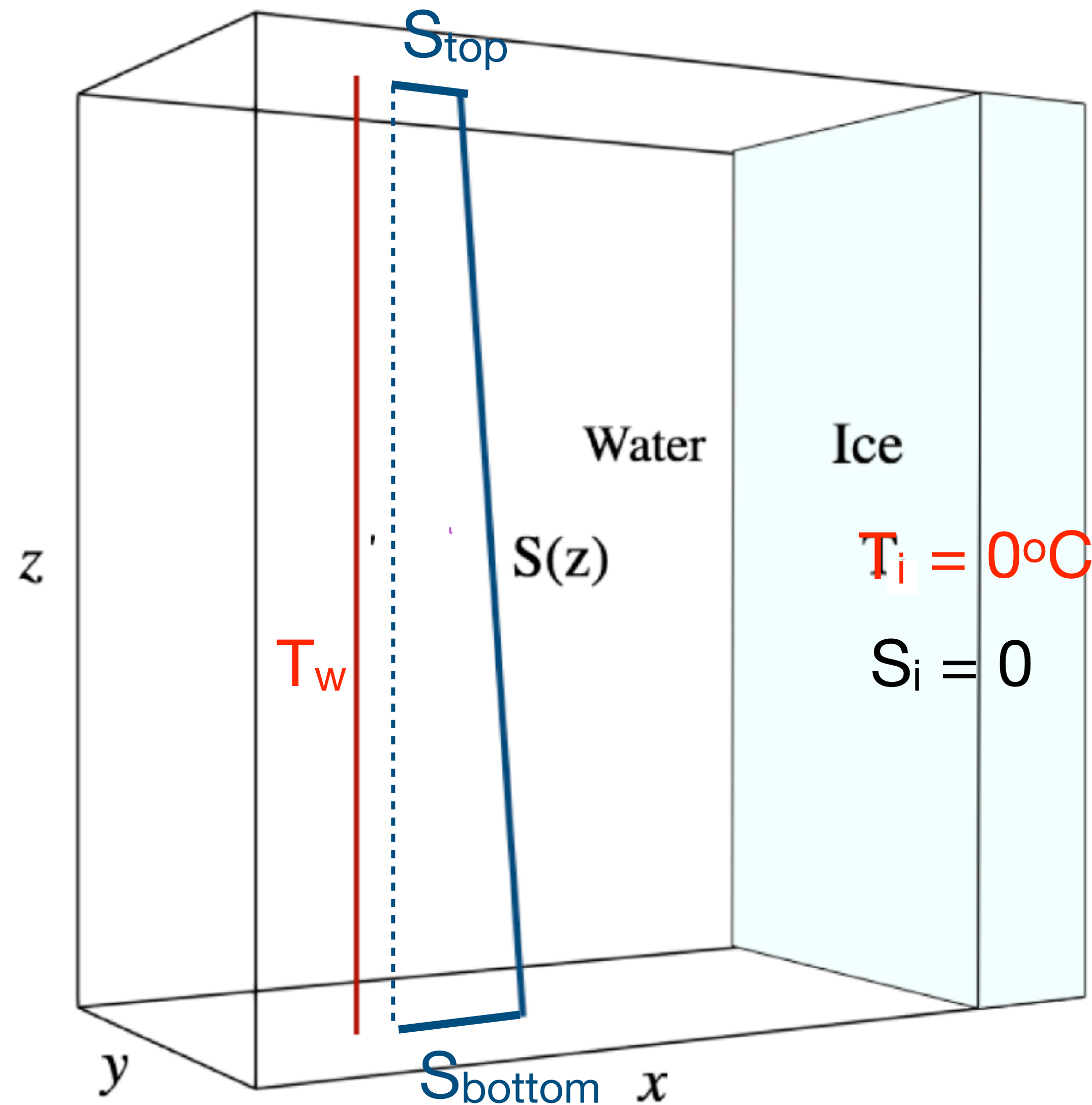
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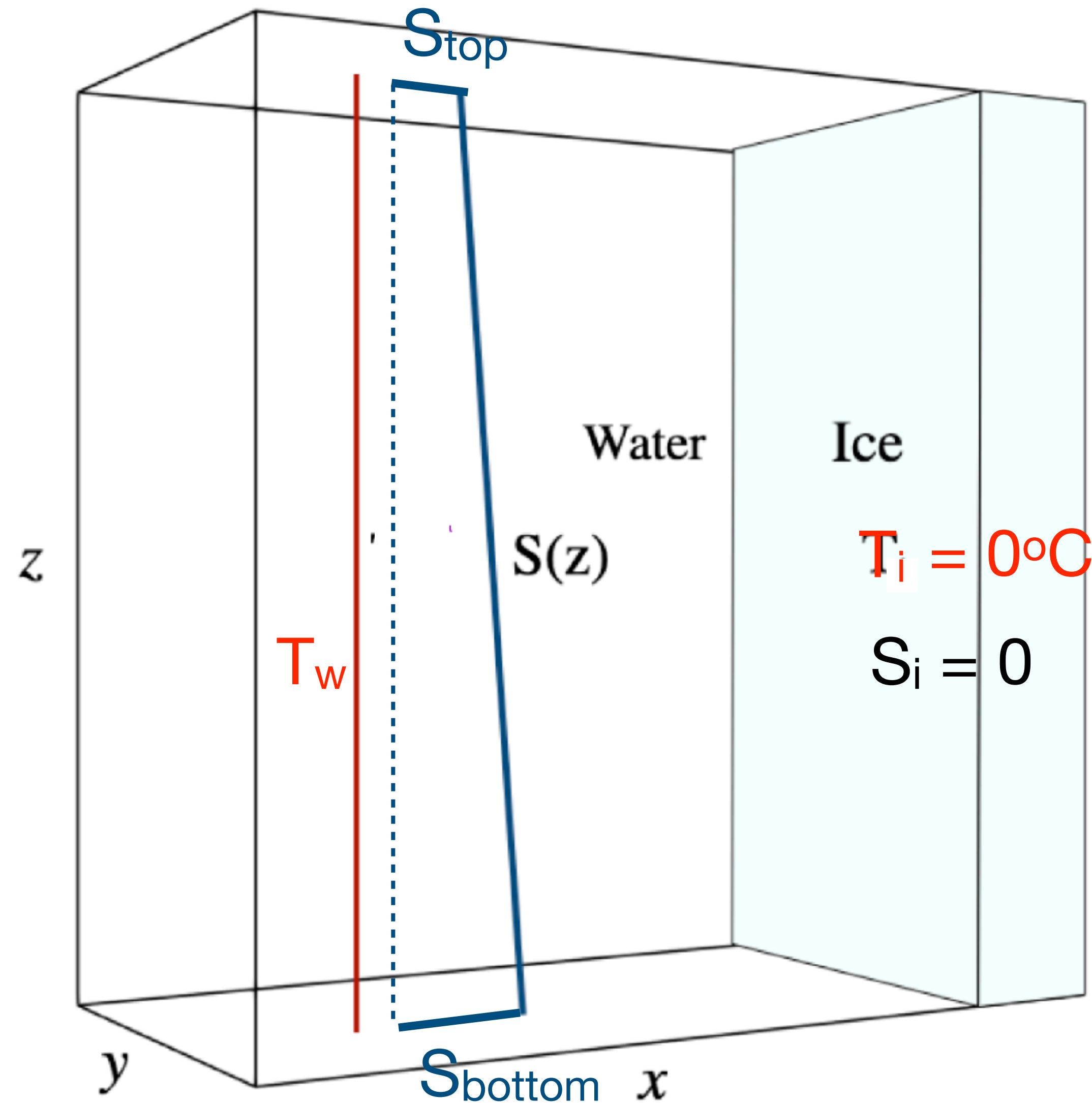
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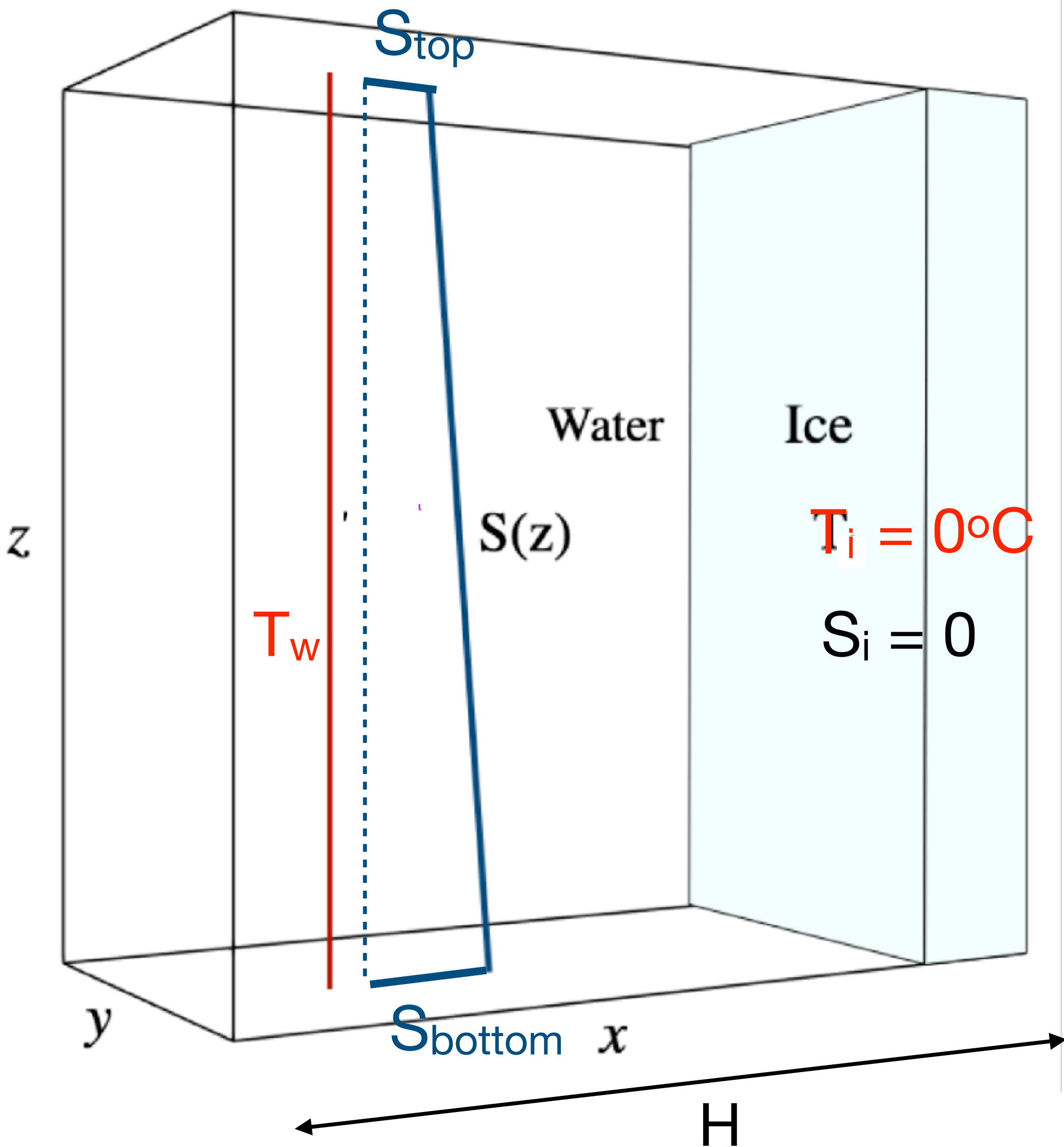
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No flux BCs (for heat & salt)

Dimensional and dimensionless control parameters



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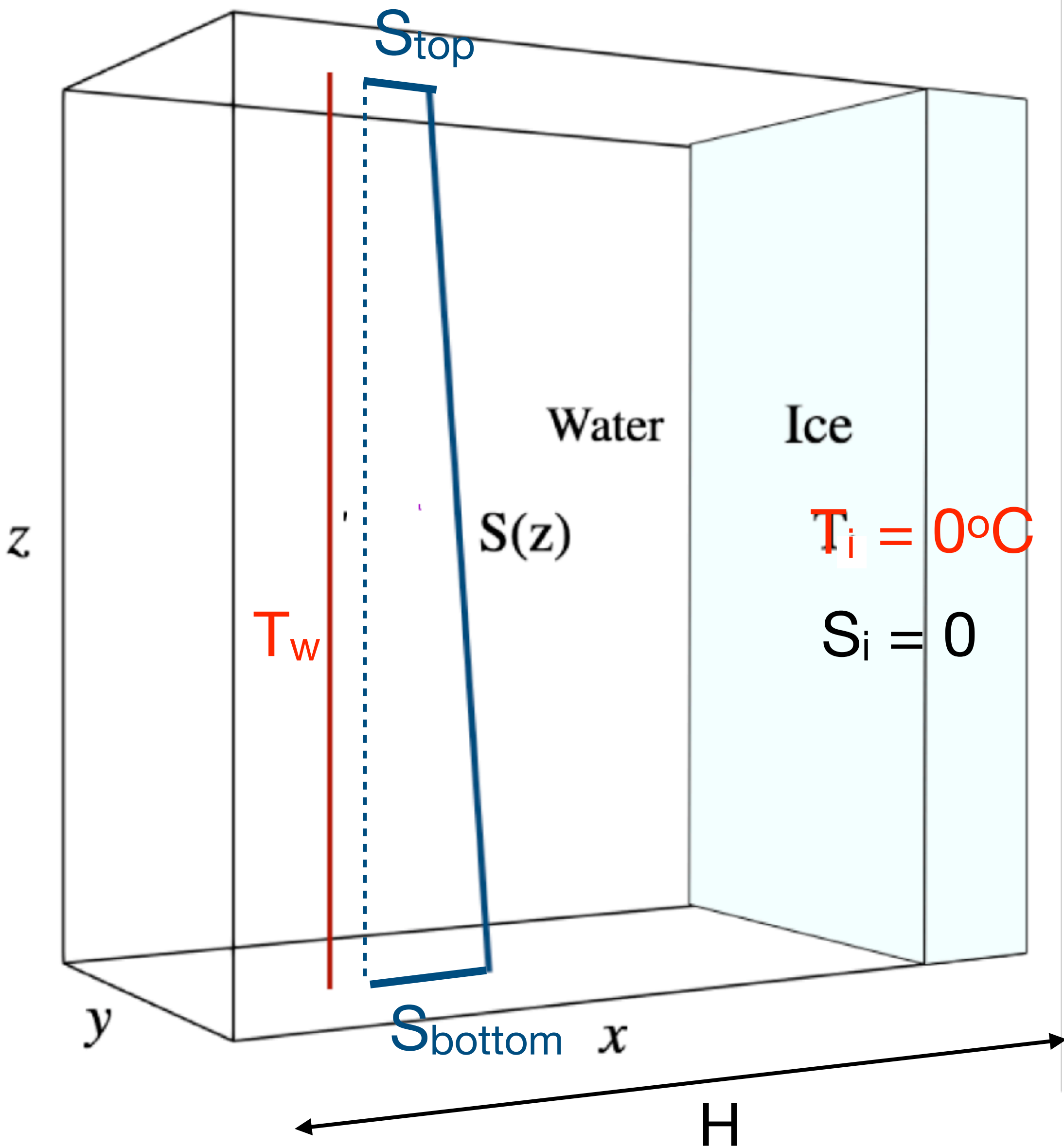
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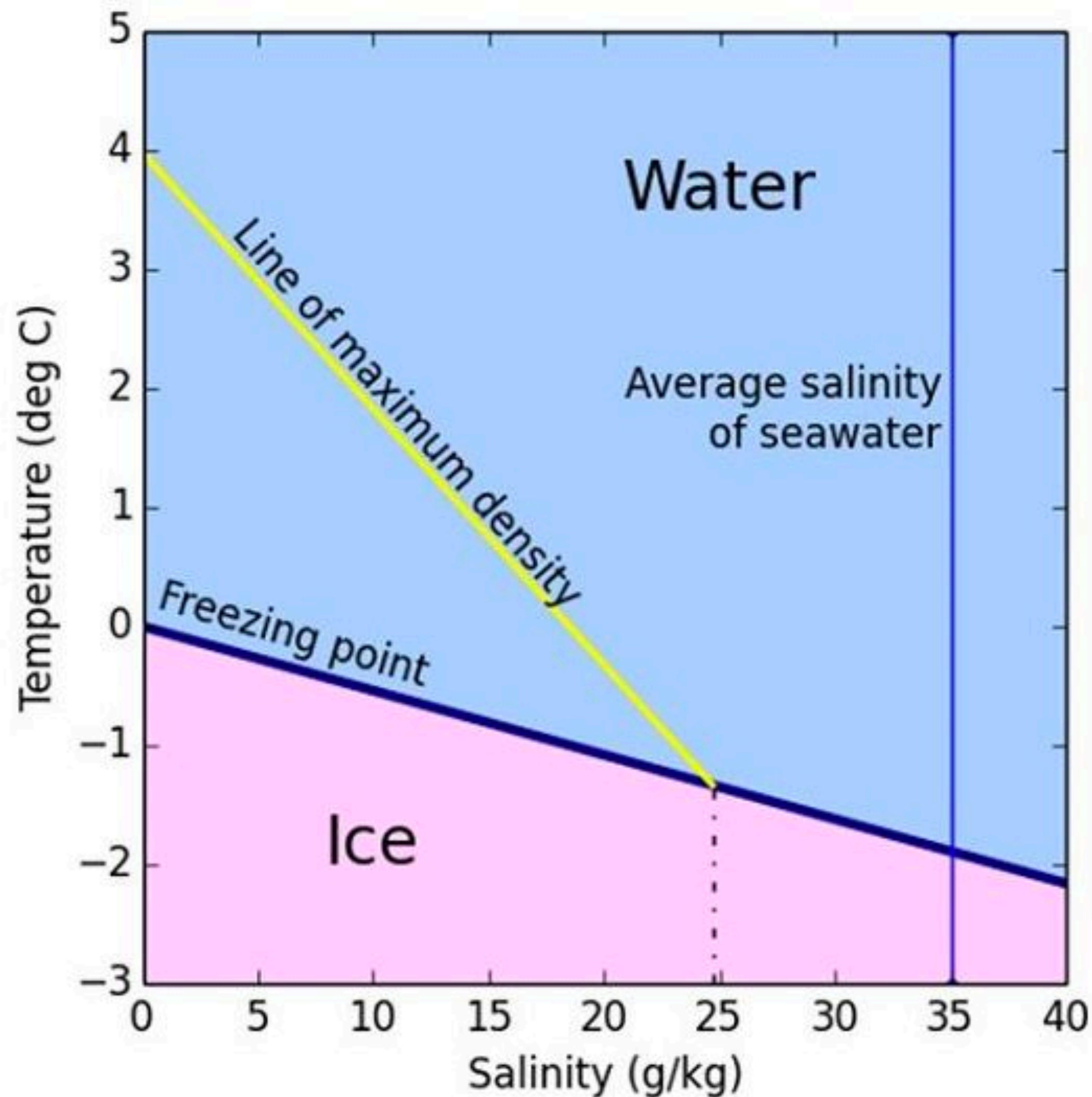
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$$Pr_T = \frac{\nu}{\kappa_T} = 10$$

$$Pr_S = \frac{\nu}{\kappa_S} = 1000$$

$$St = \frac{L}{c_p \Delta T}$$

Known density dependence on T & S: $\rho(T, S)$



$$\rho' = -\frac{C_b}{2}(\Theta - \Theta_o - \epsilon S_A)^2 - T_h Z \Theta + b_o S_A$$

Note:

- Freezing point goes down with increasing salt concentration
- Density maximum no issue at seawater any more

Effect of vertical stratification ΔS_v on ice melting

$\Delta S_v = 0$ g/kg
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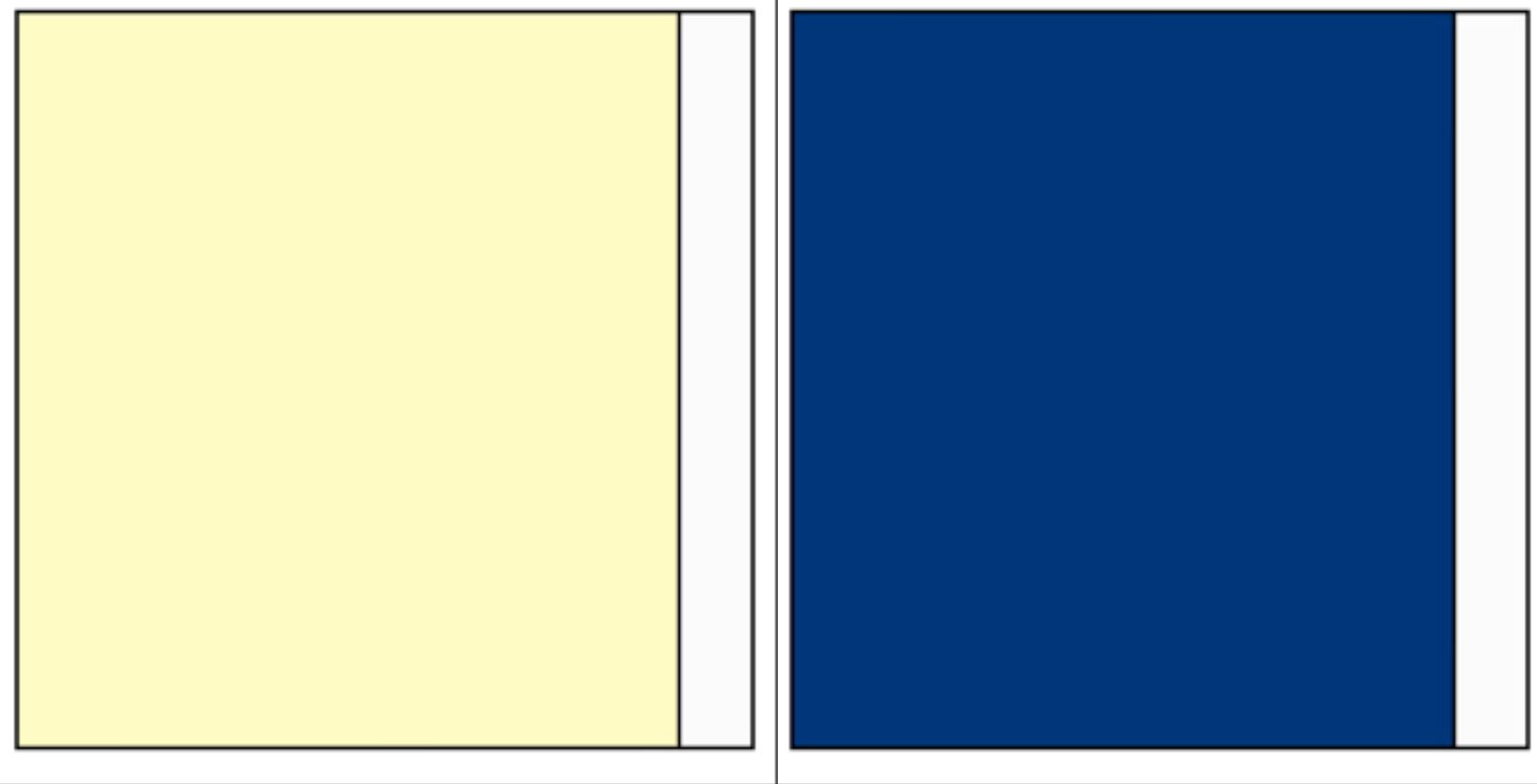
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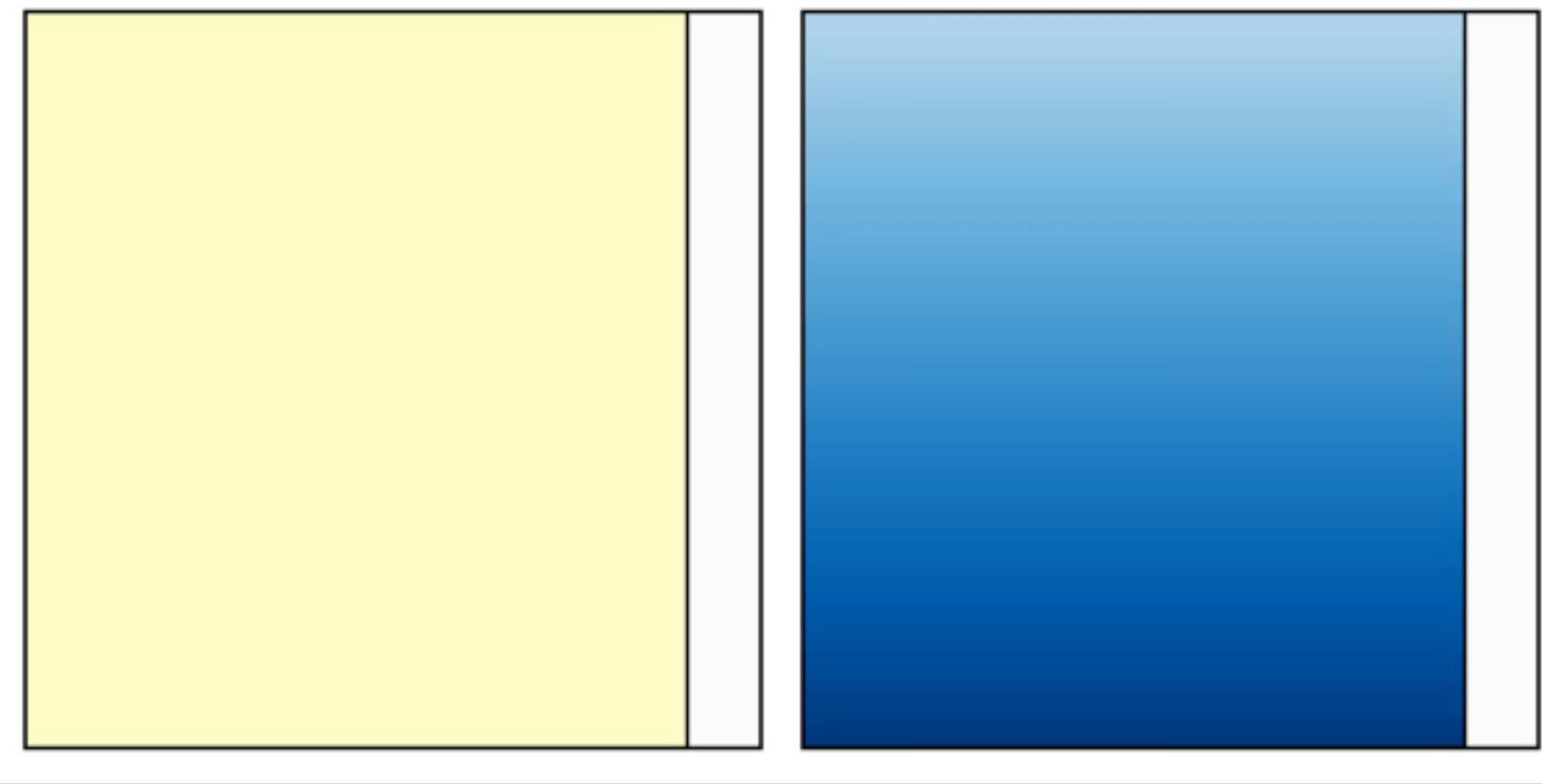
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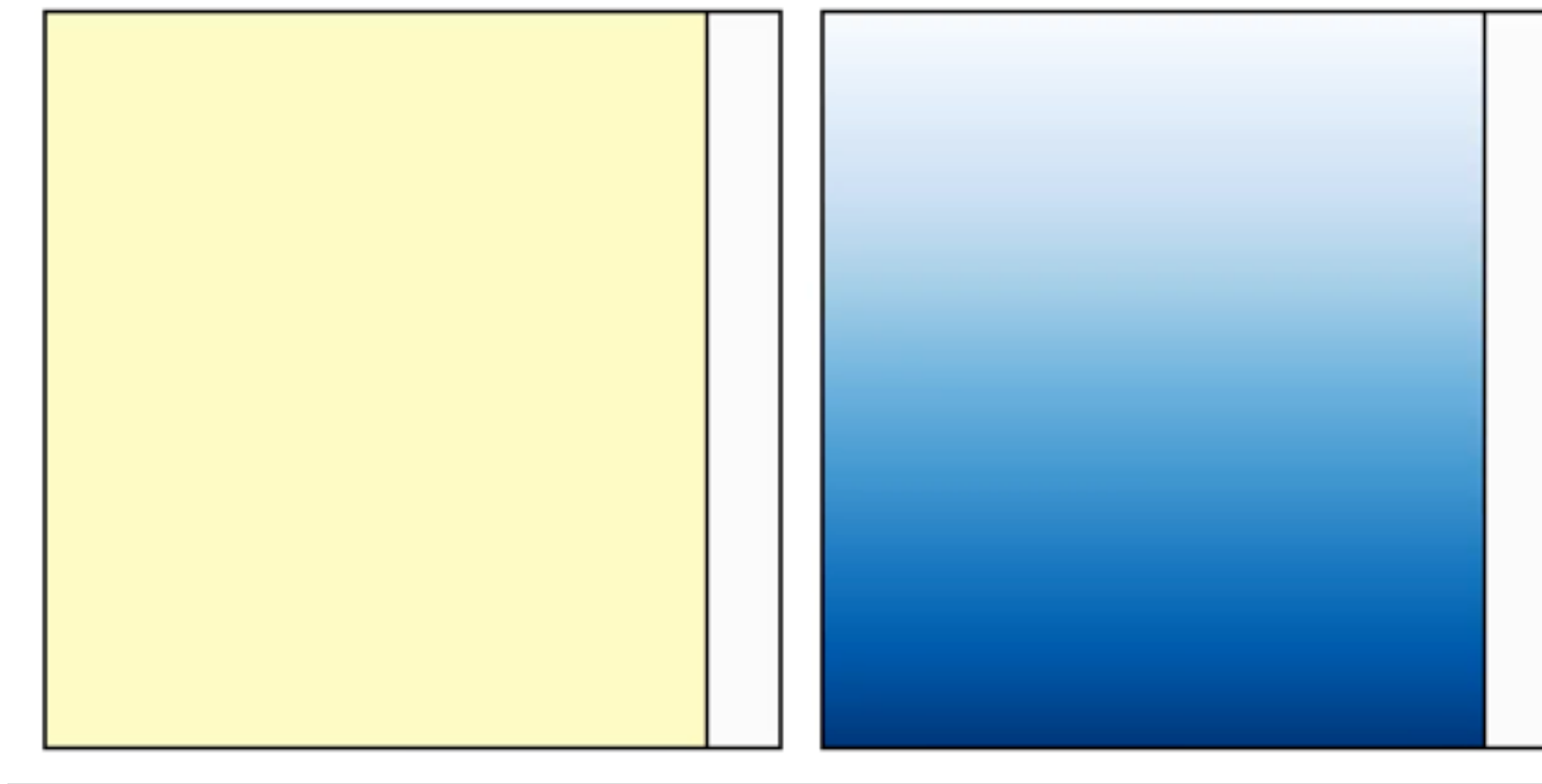
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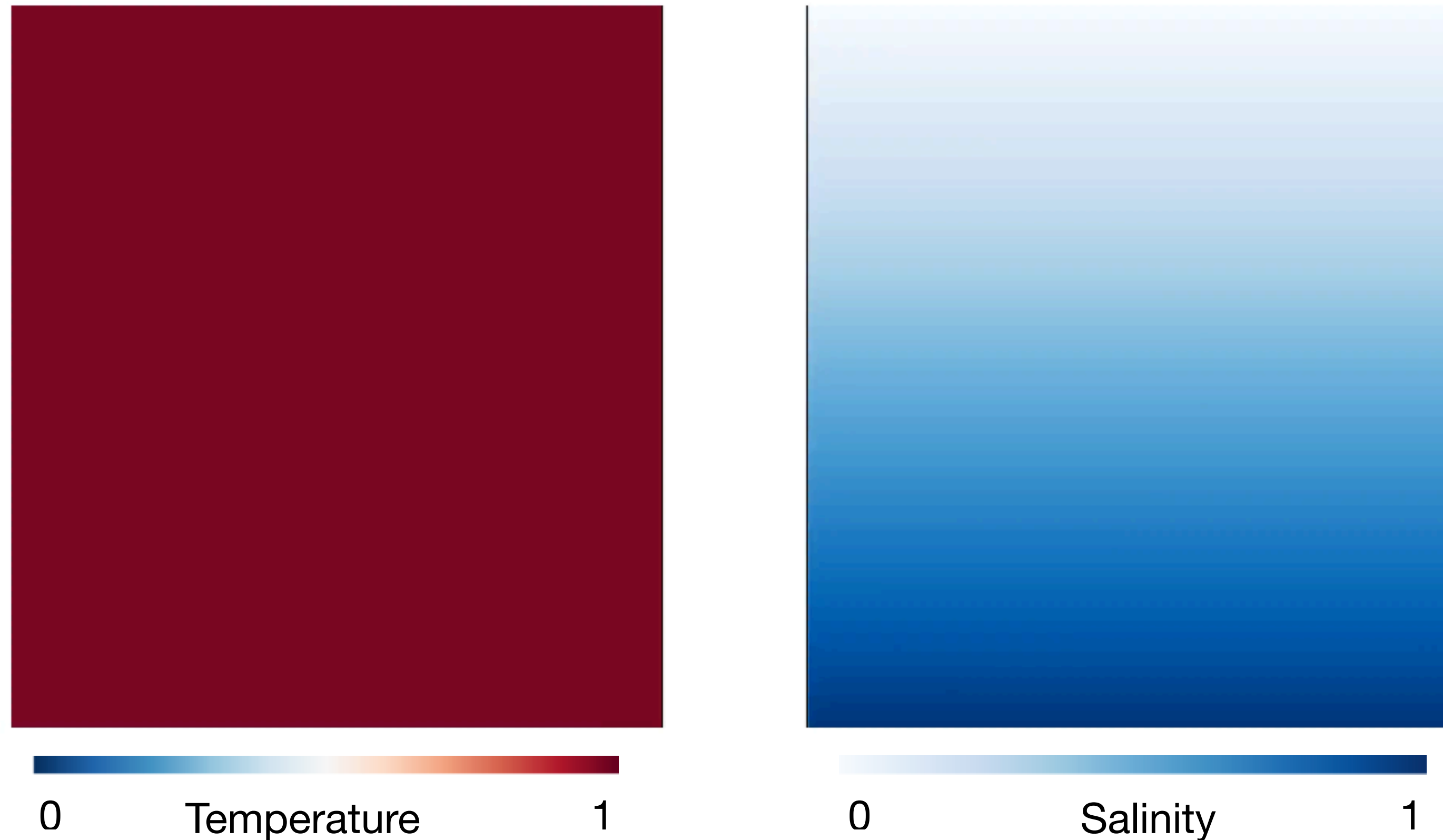
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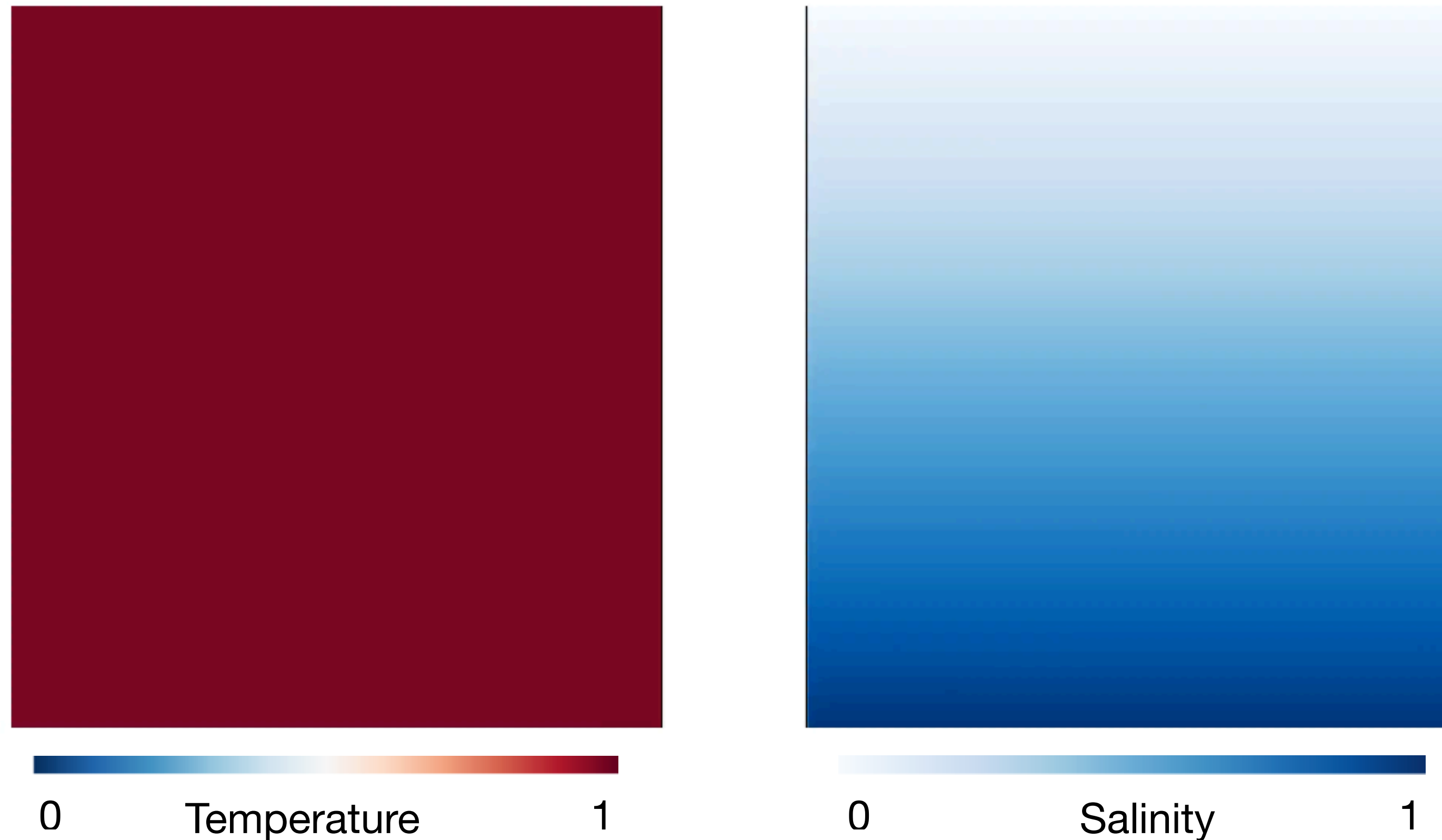
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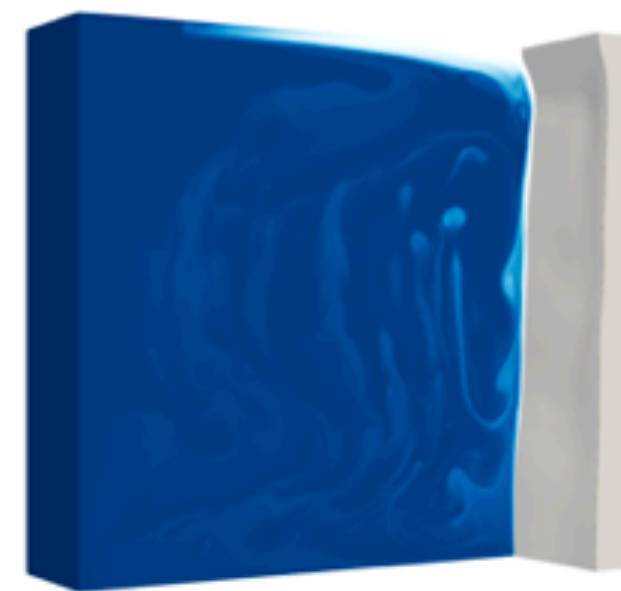
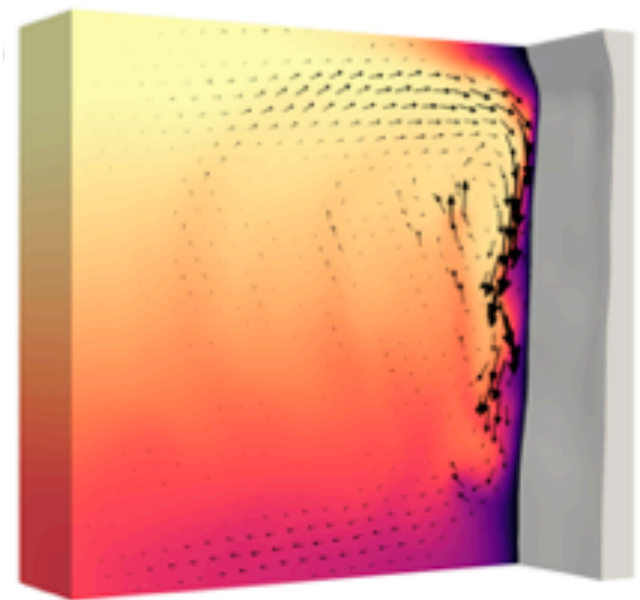
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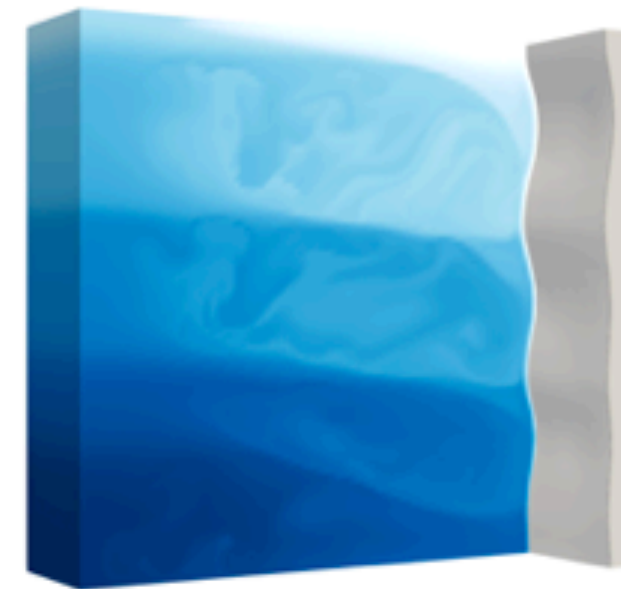
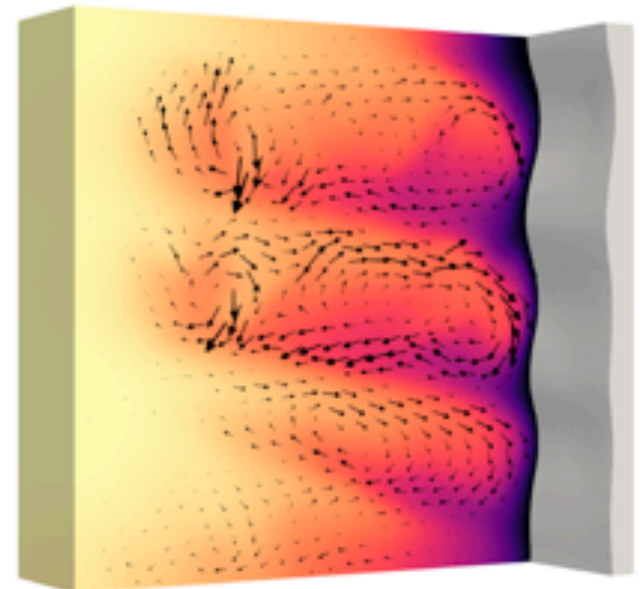
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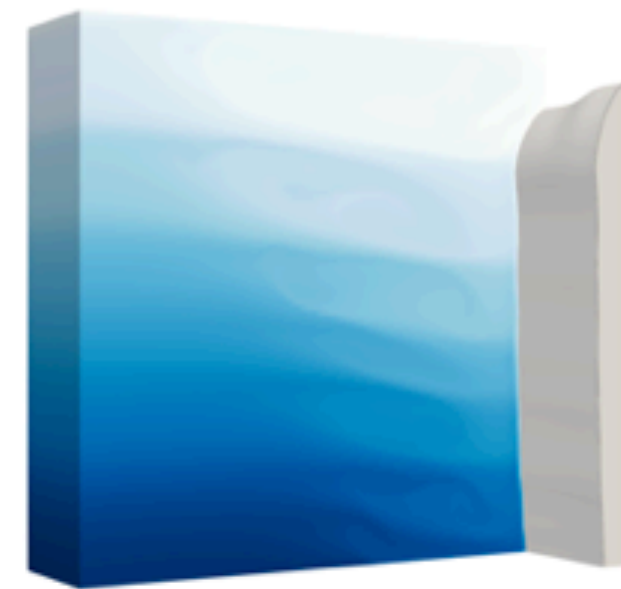
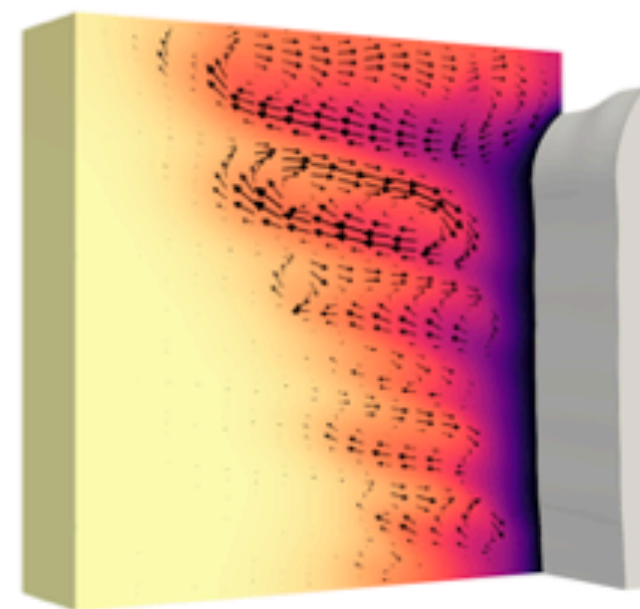
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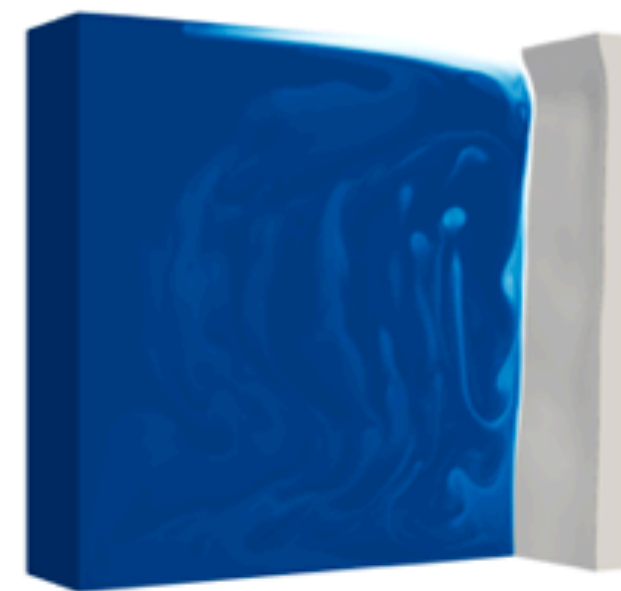
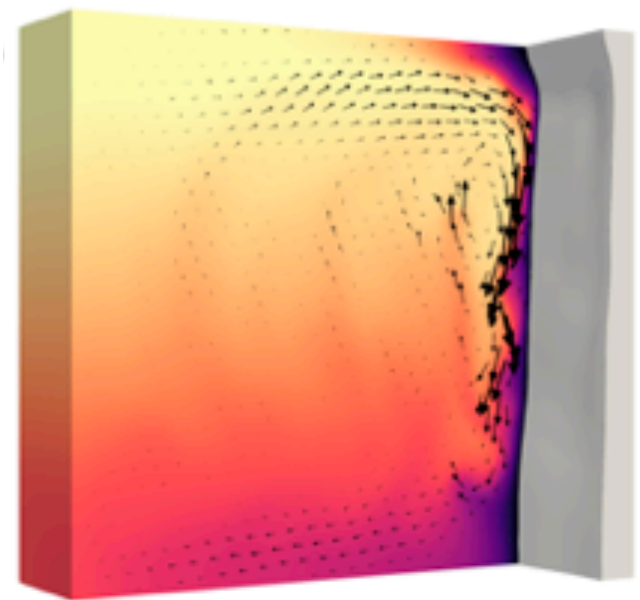
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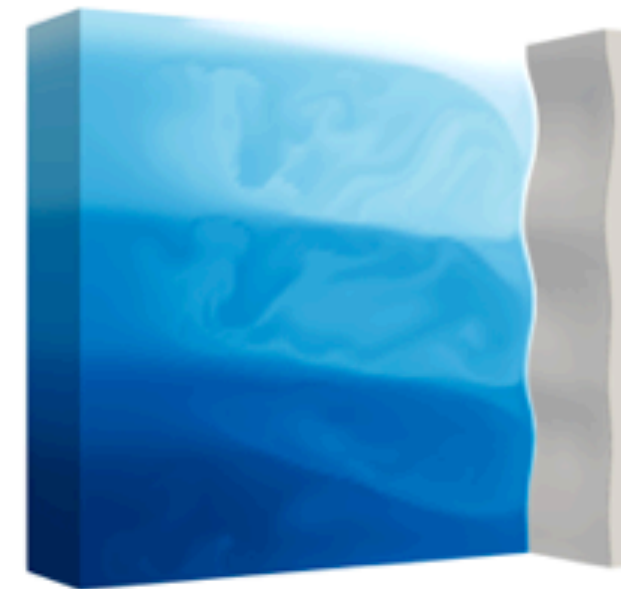
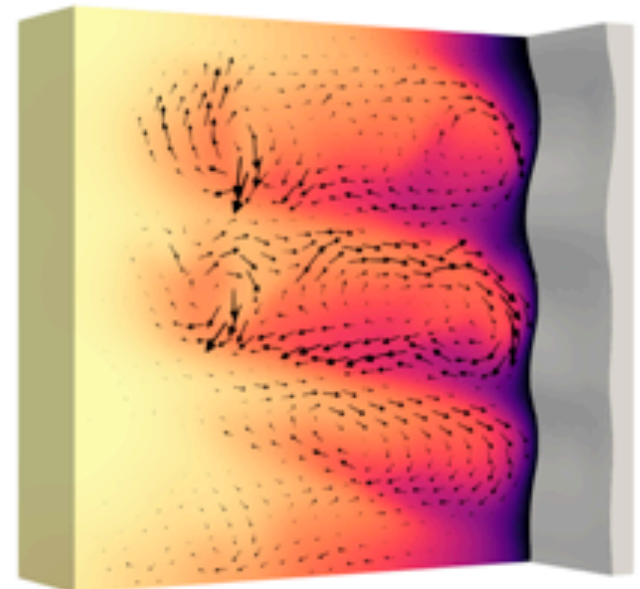
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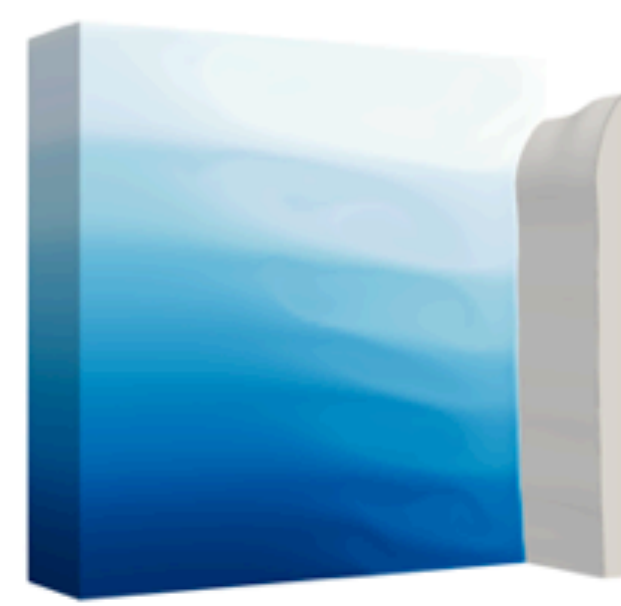
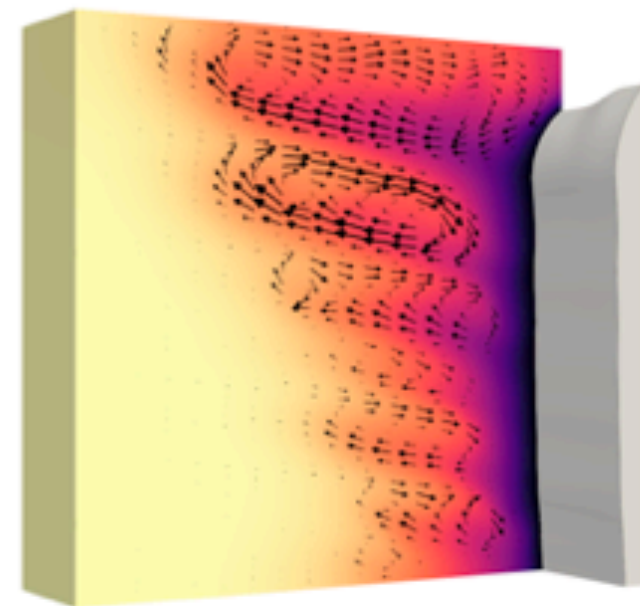
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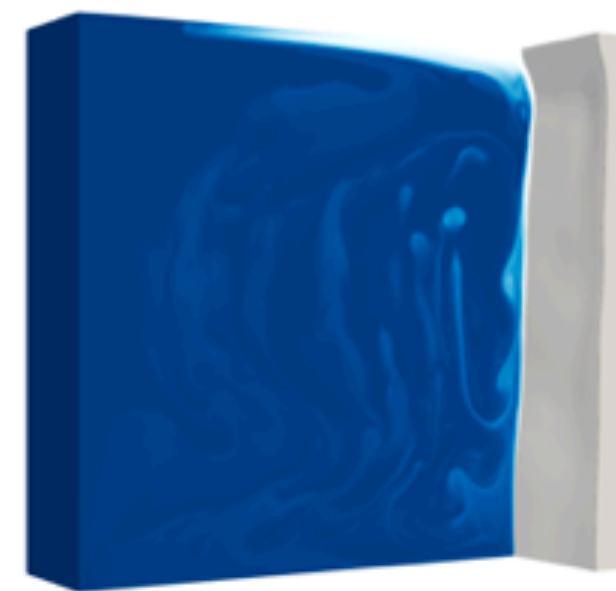
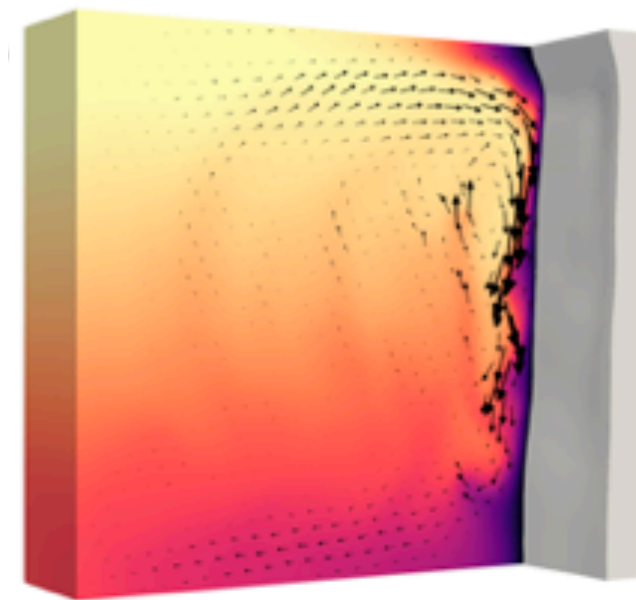
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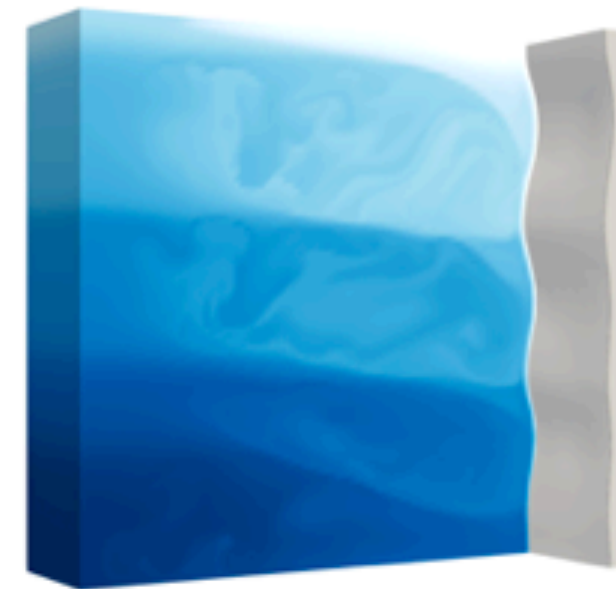
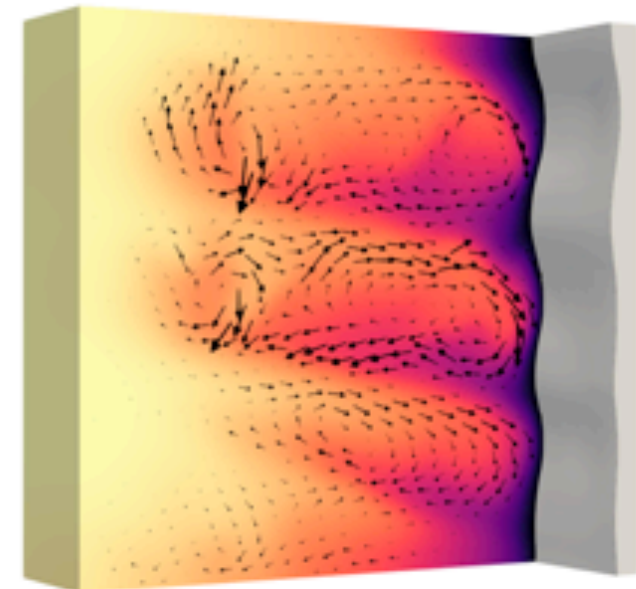
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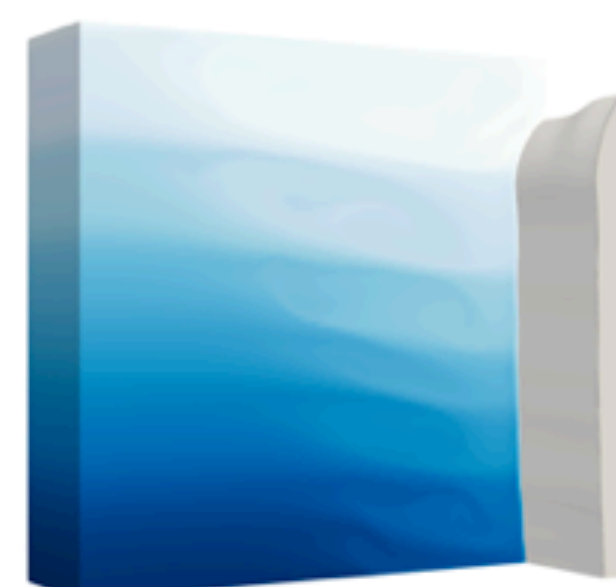
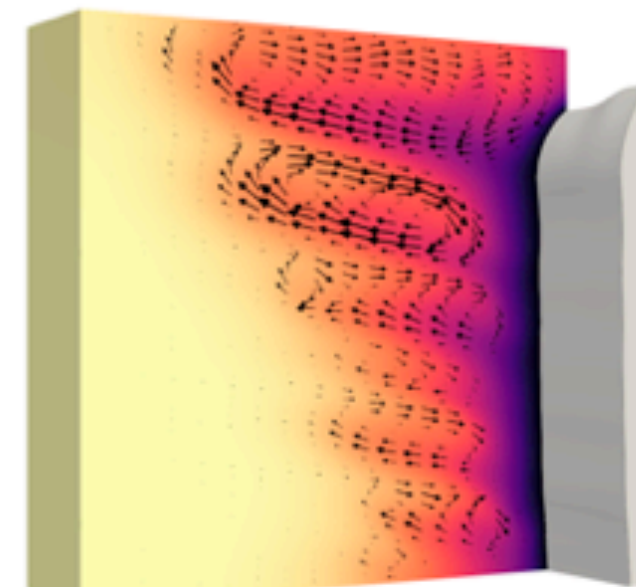
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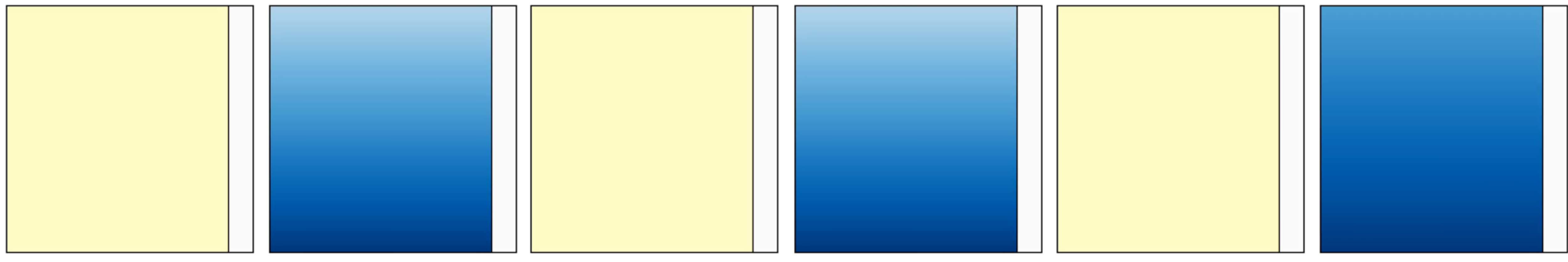
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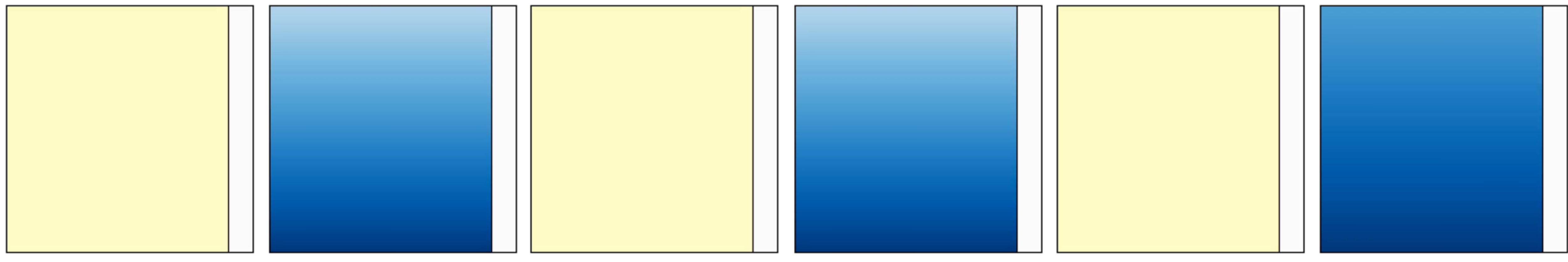
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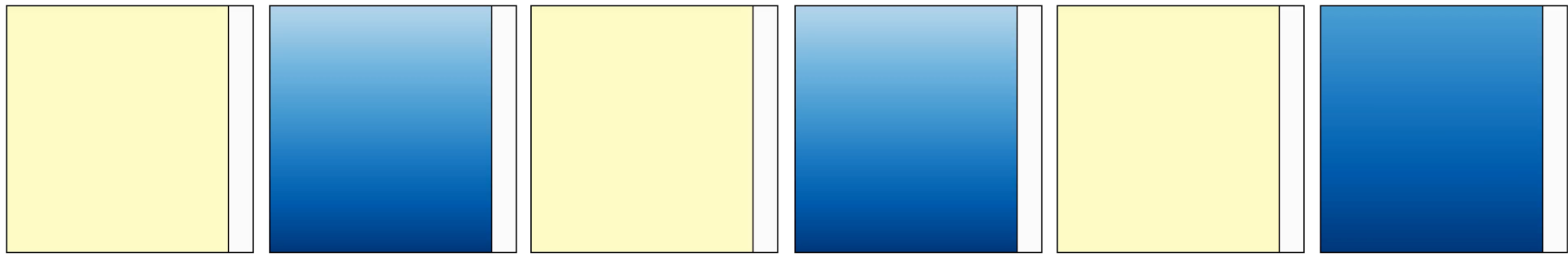
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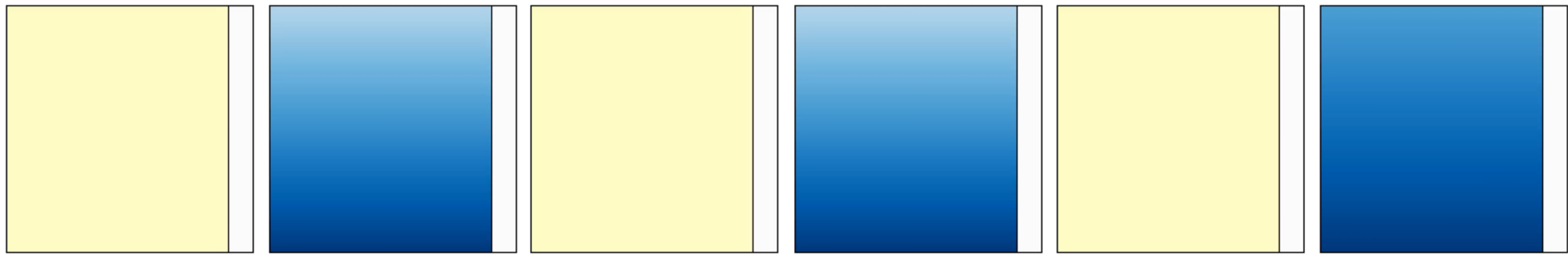
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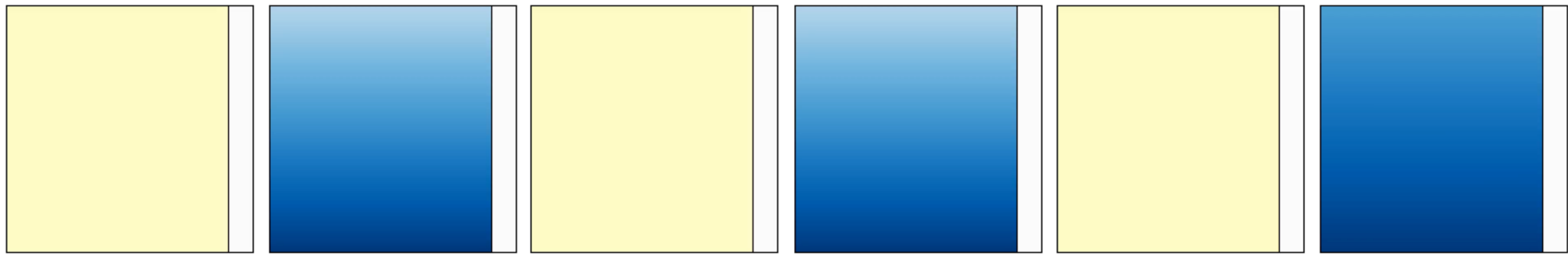
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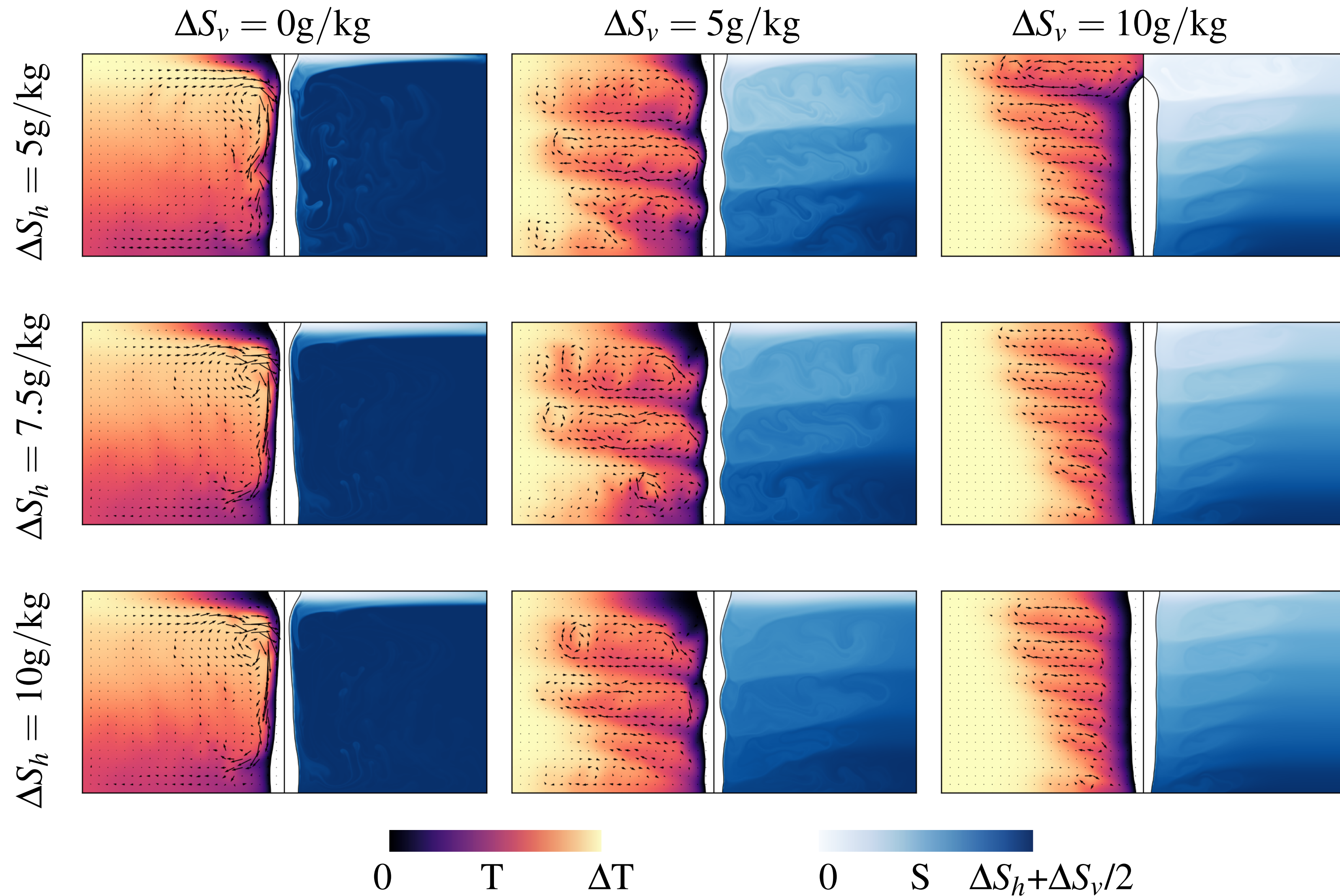
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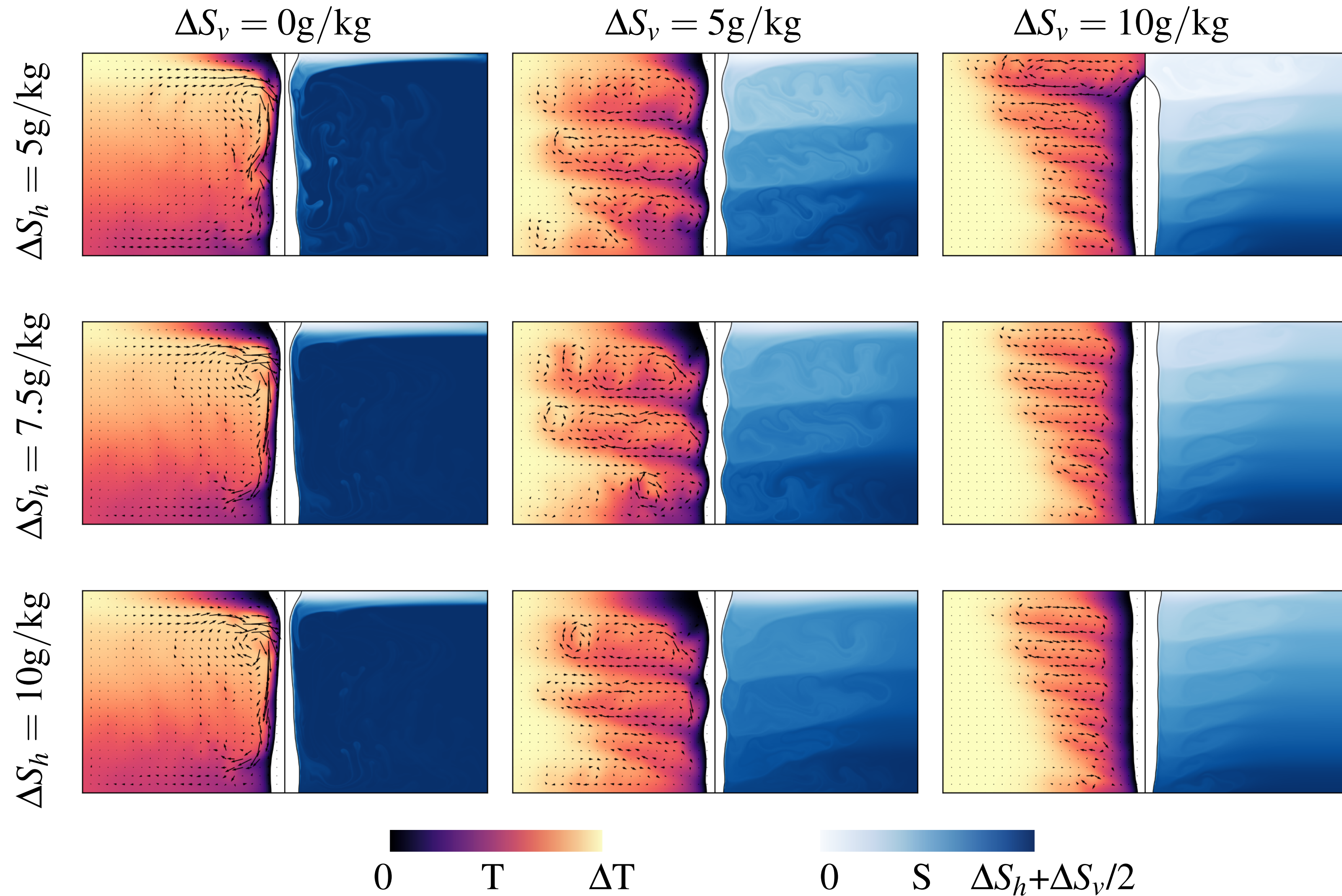
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Ripple formation robust phenomenon

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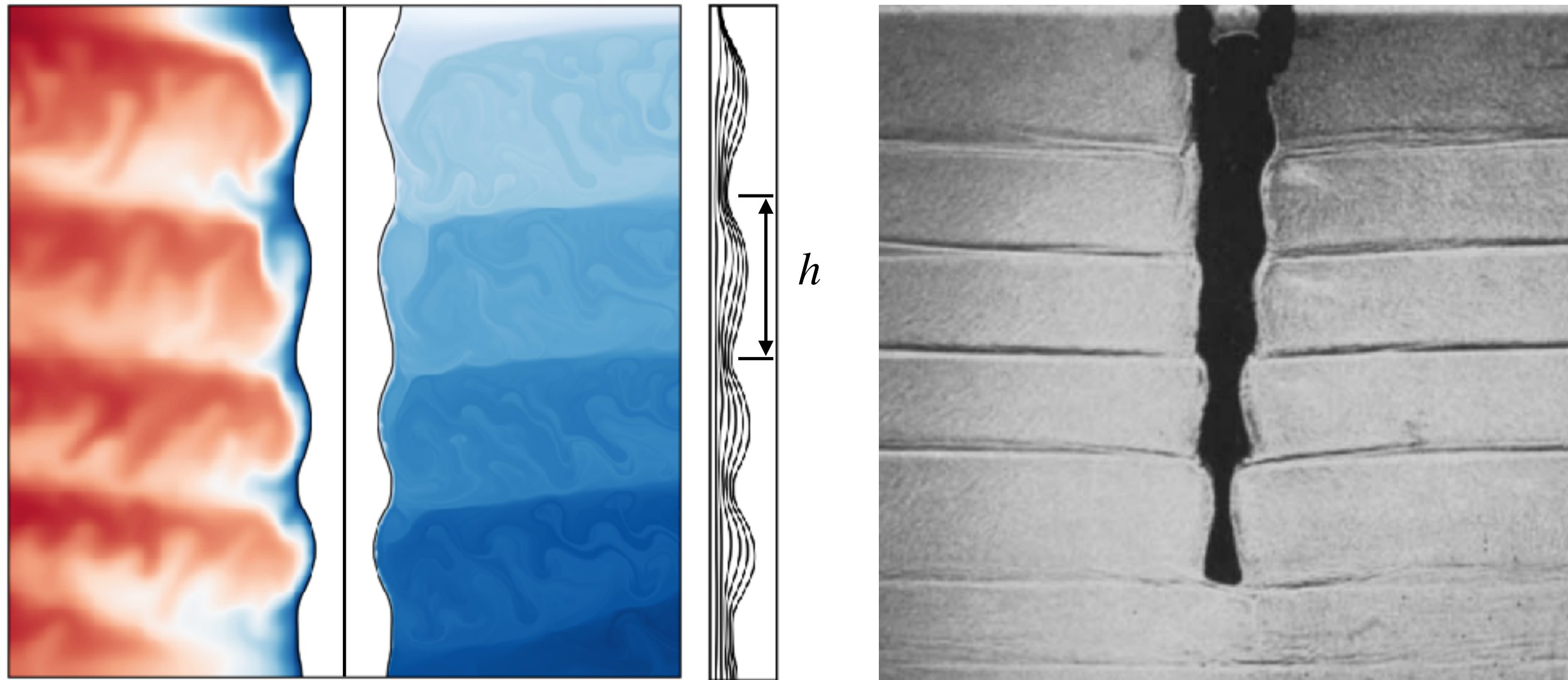


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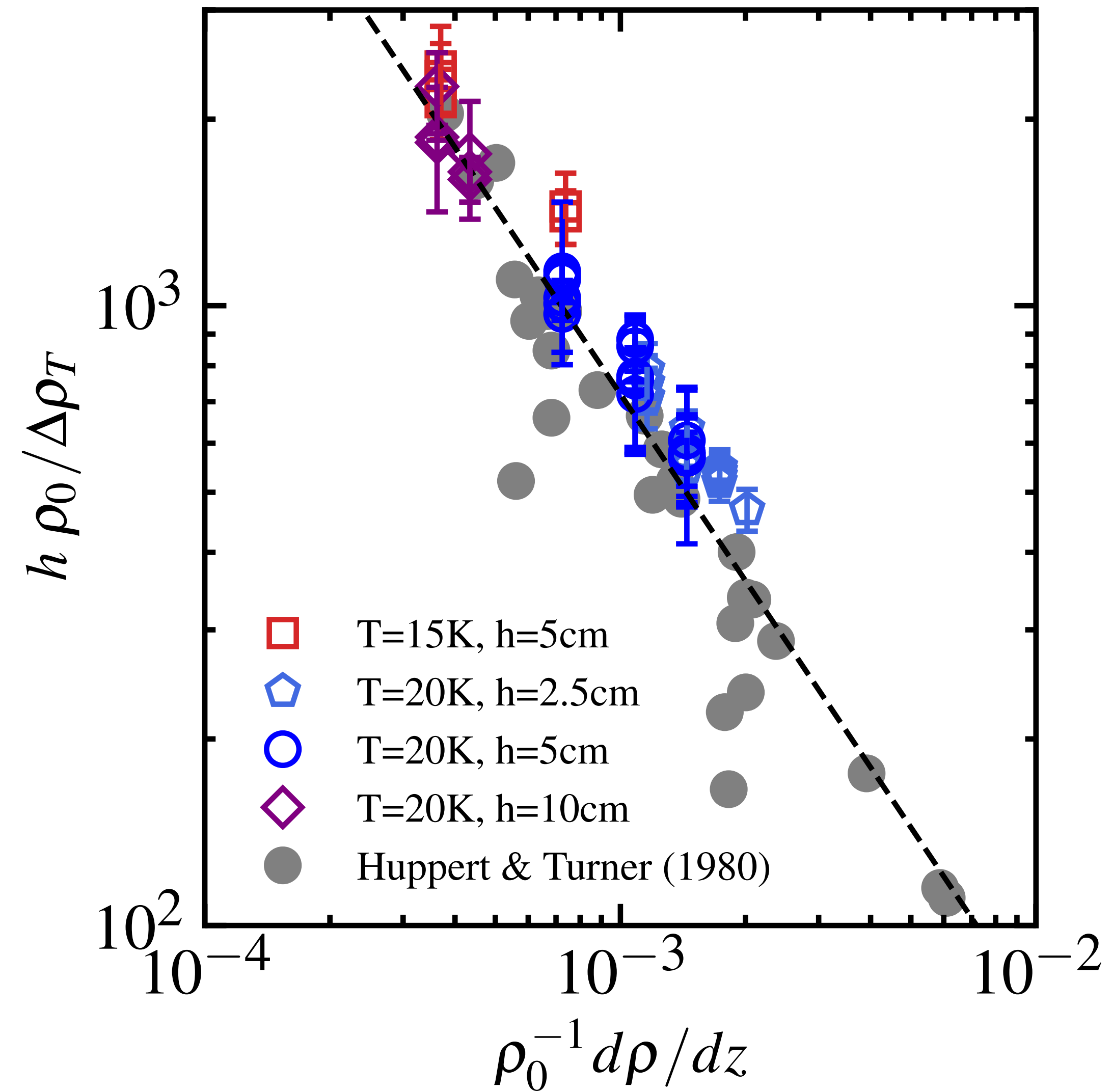
Huppert & Turner,
JFM (1980)

Wavelength: Compare numerics & experiment & theory



$$h = (0.65 \pm 0.06) [\rho(0, S_\infty) - \rho(T_\infty, S_\infty)] \left(\frac{d\rho}{dz} \right)^{-1}$$

Wavelengths from simulations nicely agree with the experimental ones!

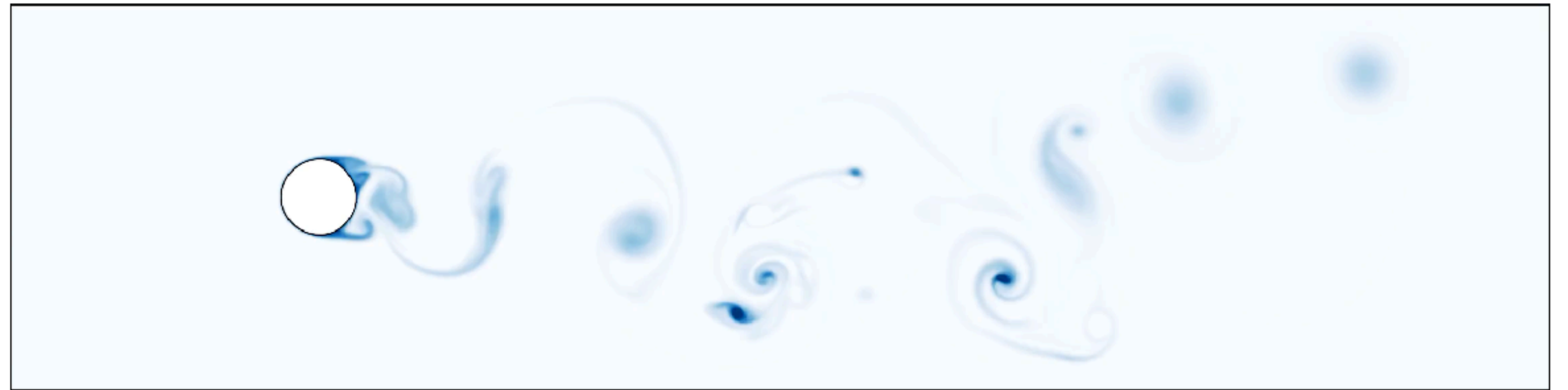
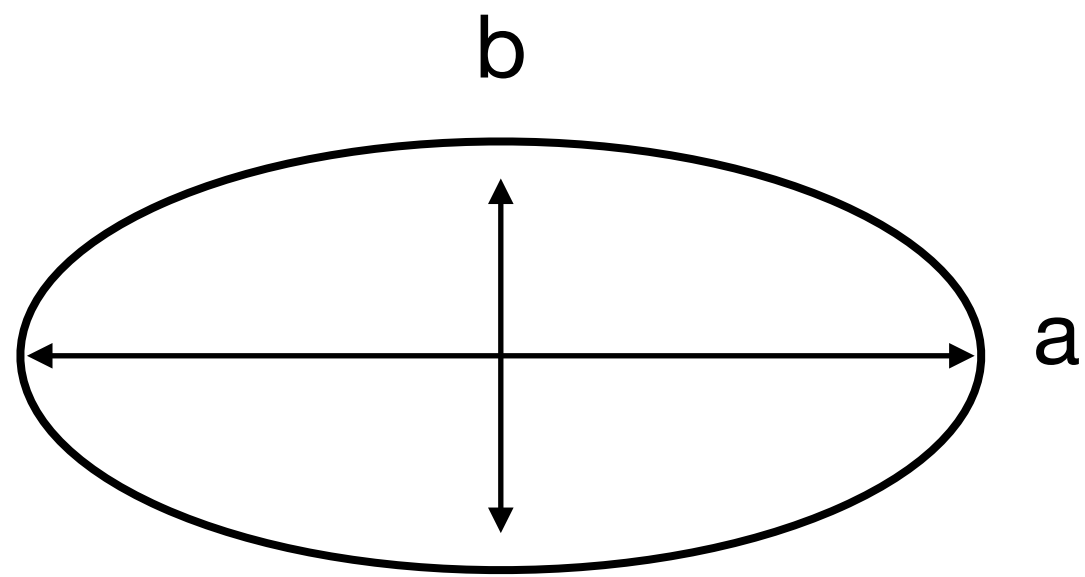


Conclusions on part IV.

- DNS of ice melting in saline water
- Scallops/layered structures of melt front: quantitative agreement between experiments, DNS, and theory
- Non-monotonic dependence of melt rate on ambient salinity
- Origin thereof: competition between thermal-driven buoyancy, salinity-driven buoyancy, and salinity stable stratification

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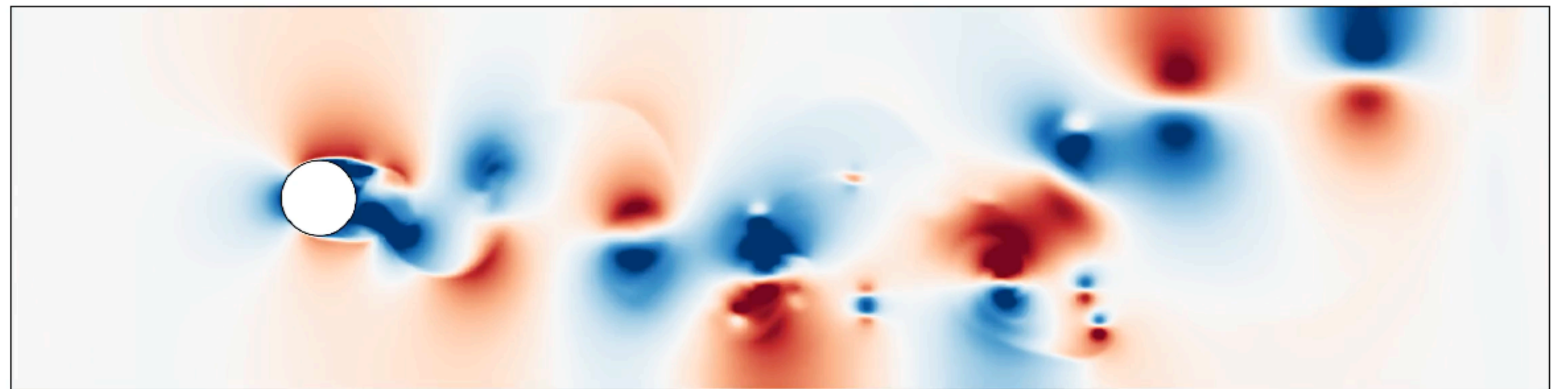


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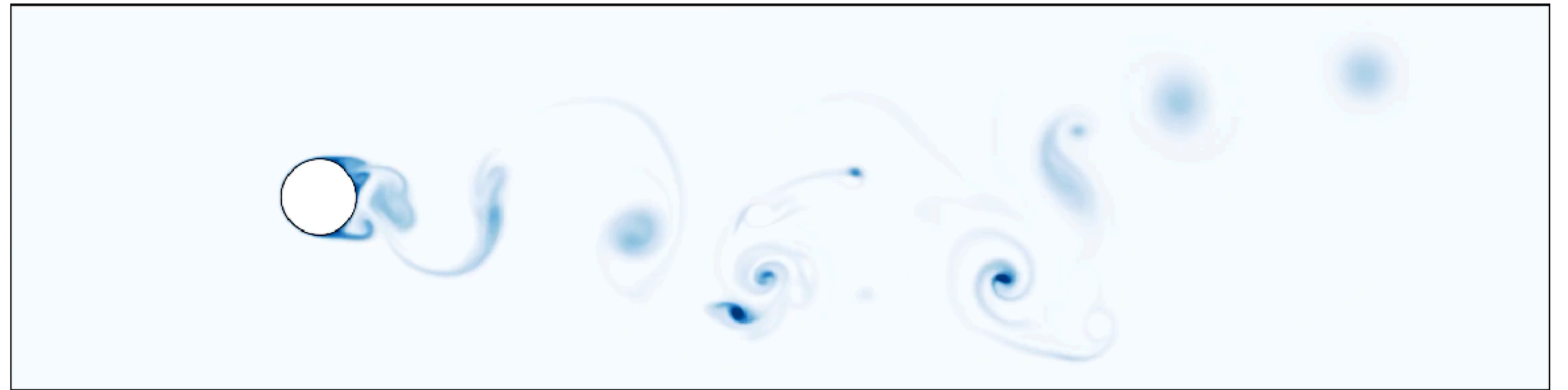
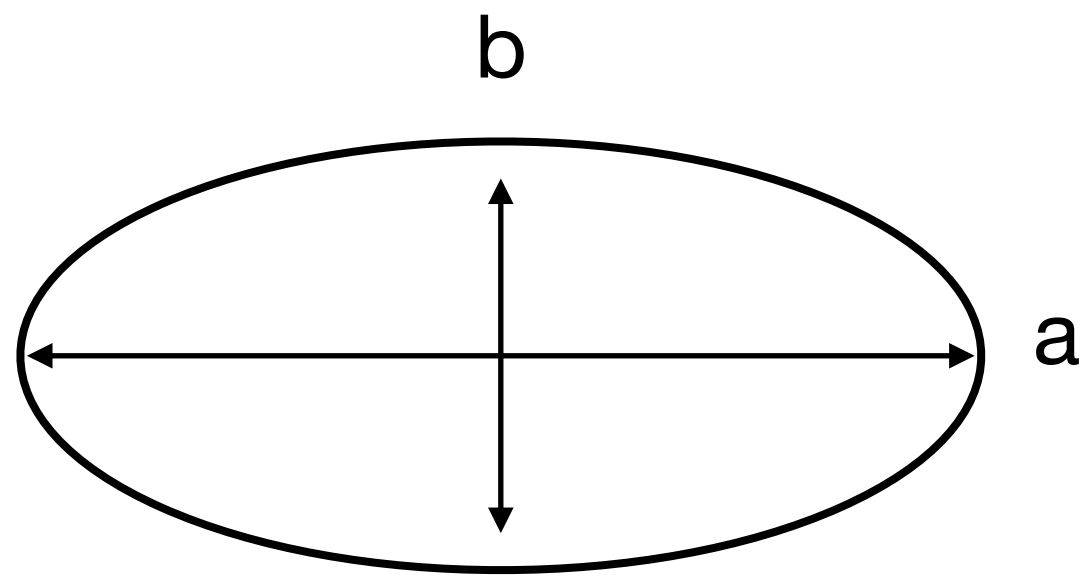
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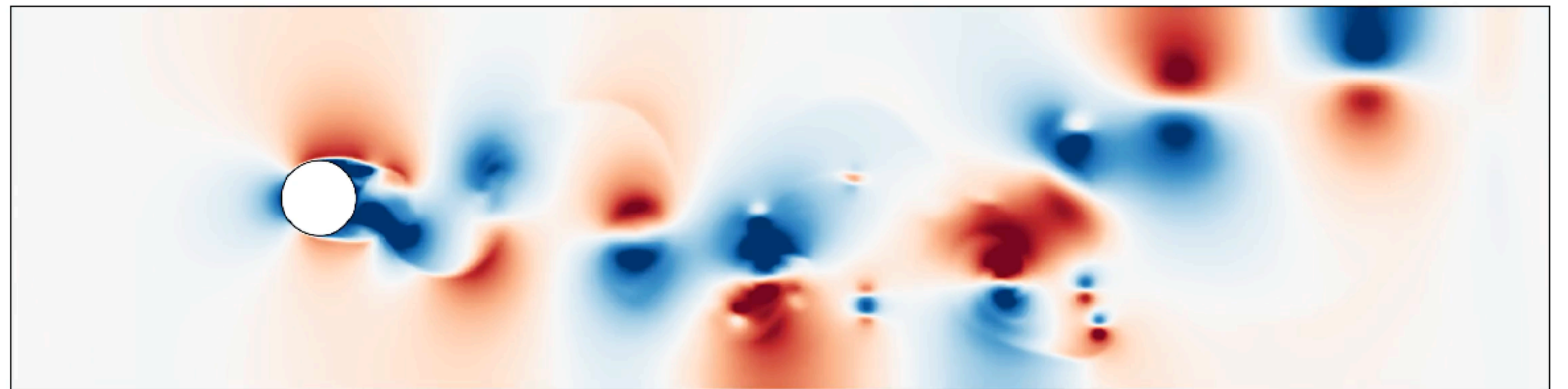


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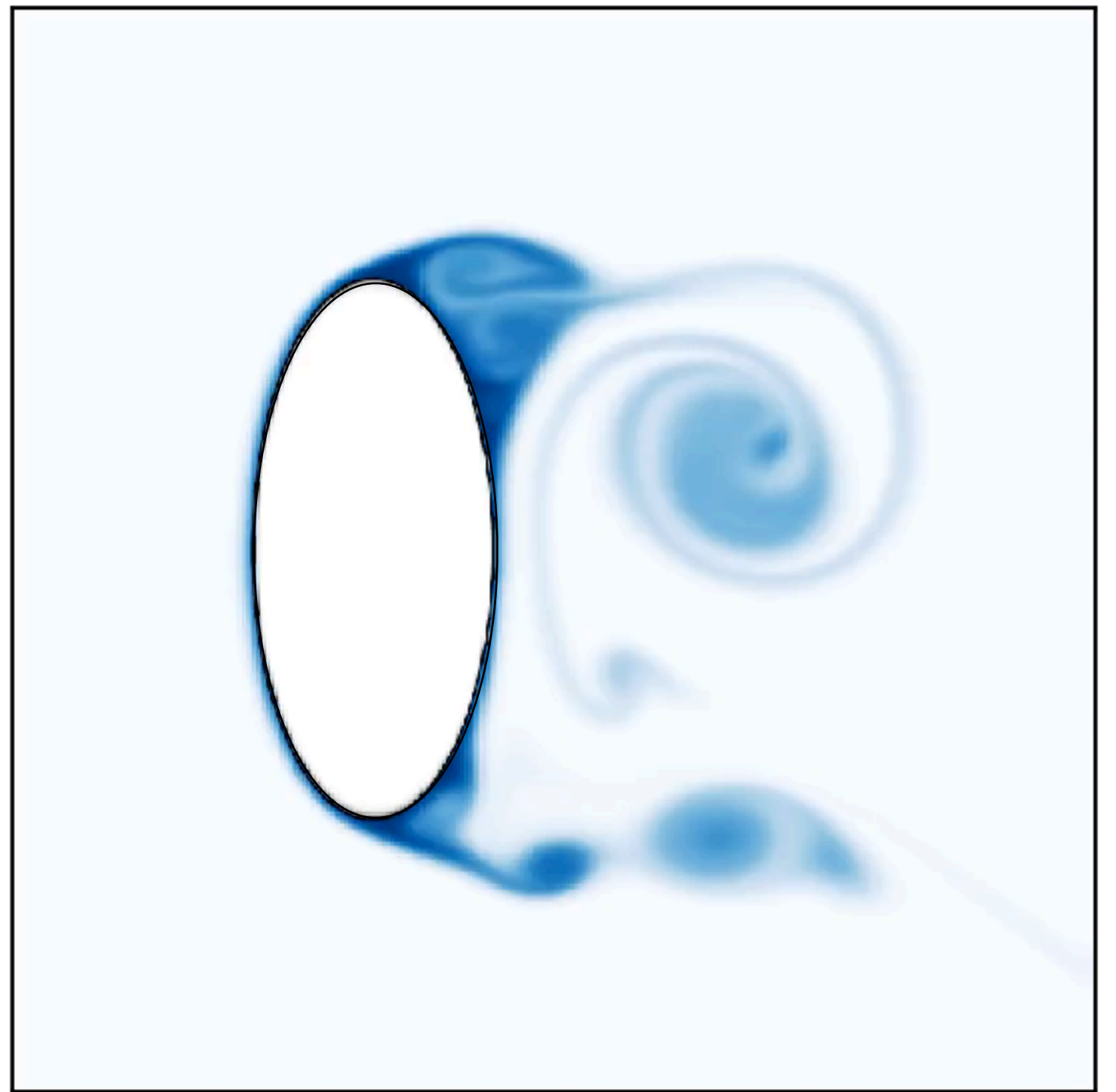
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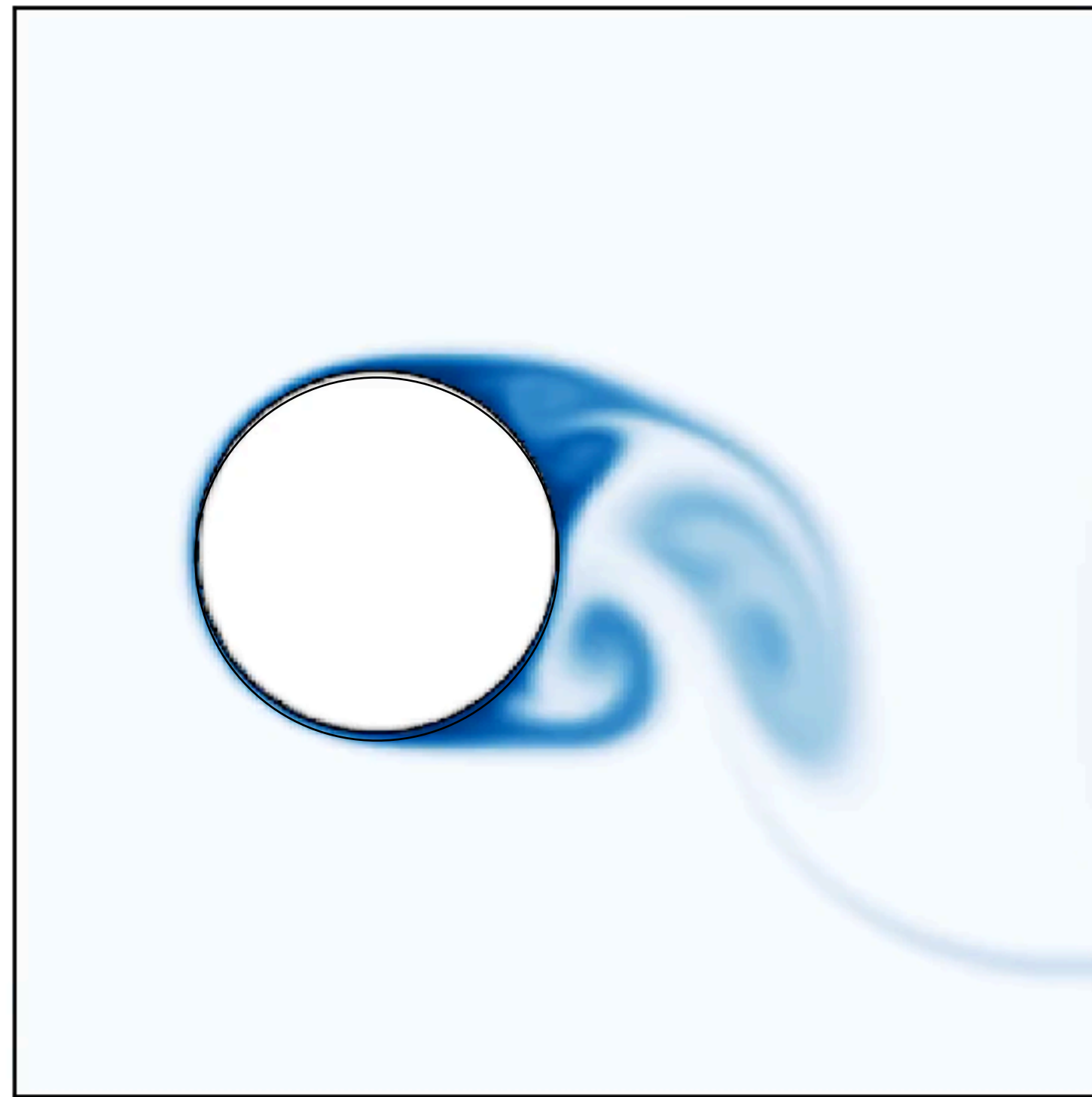


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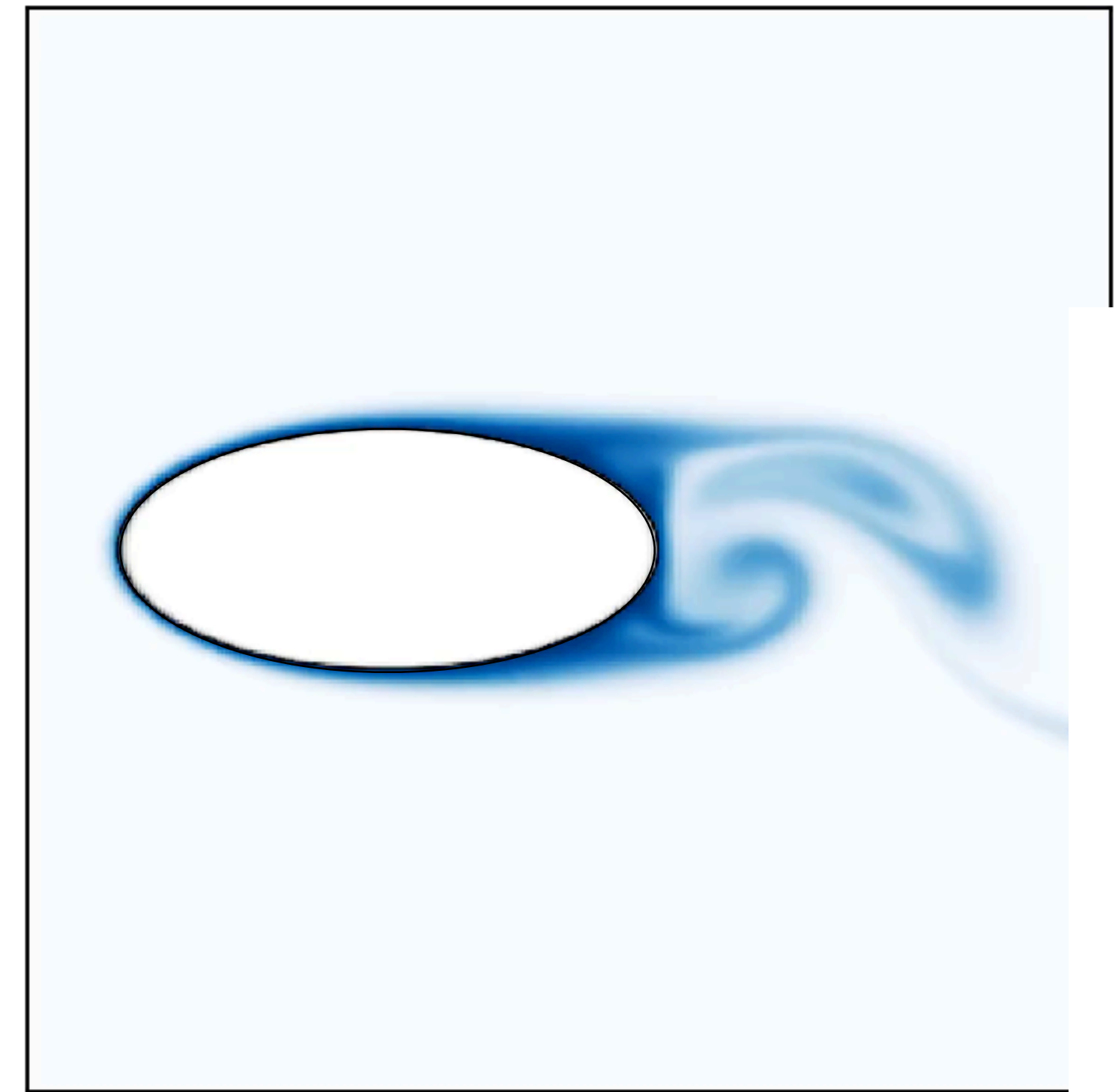
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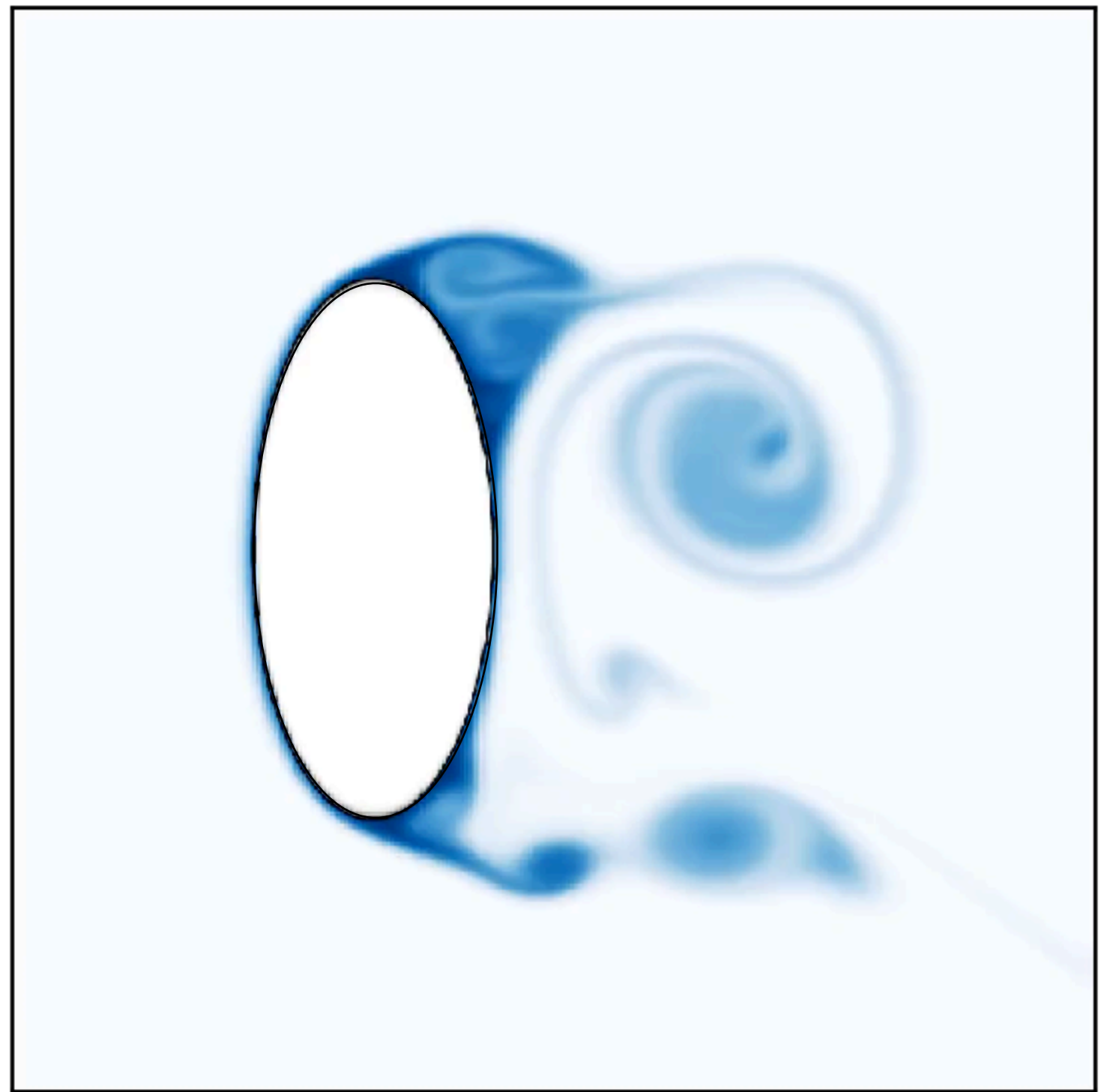


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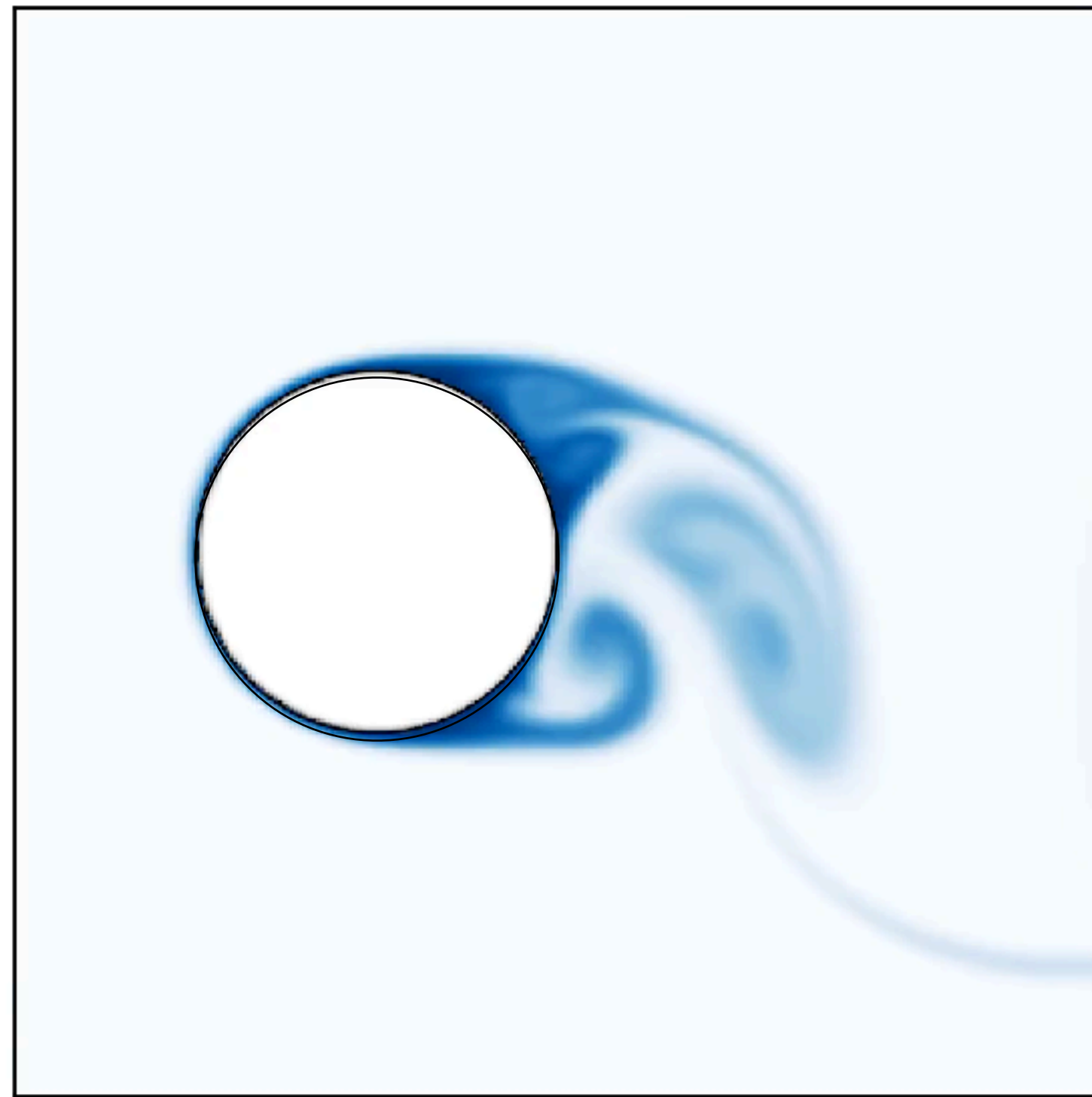
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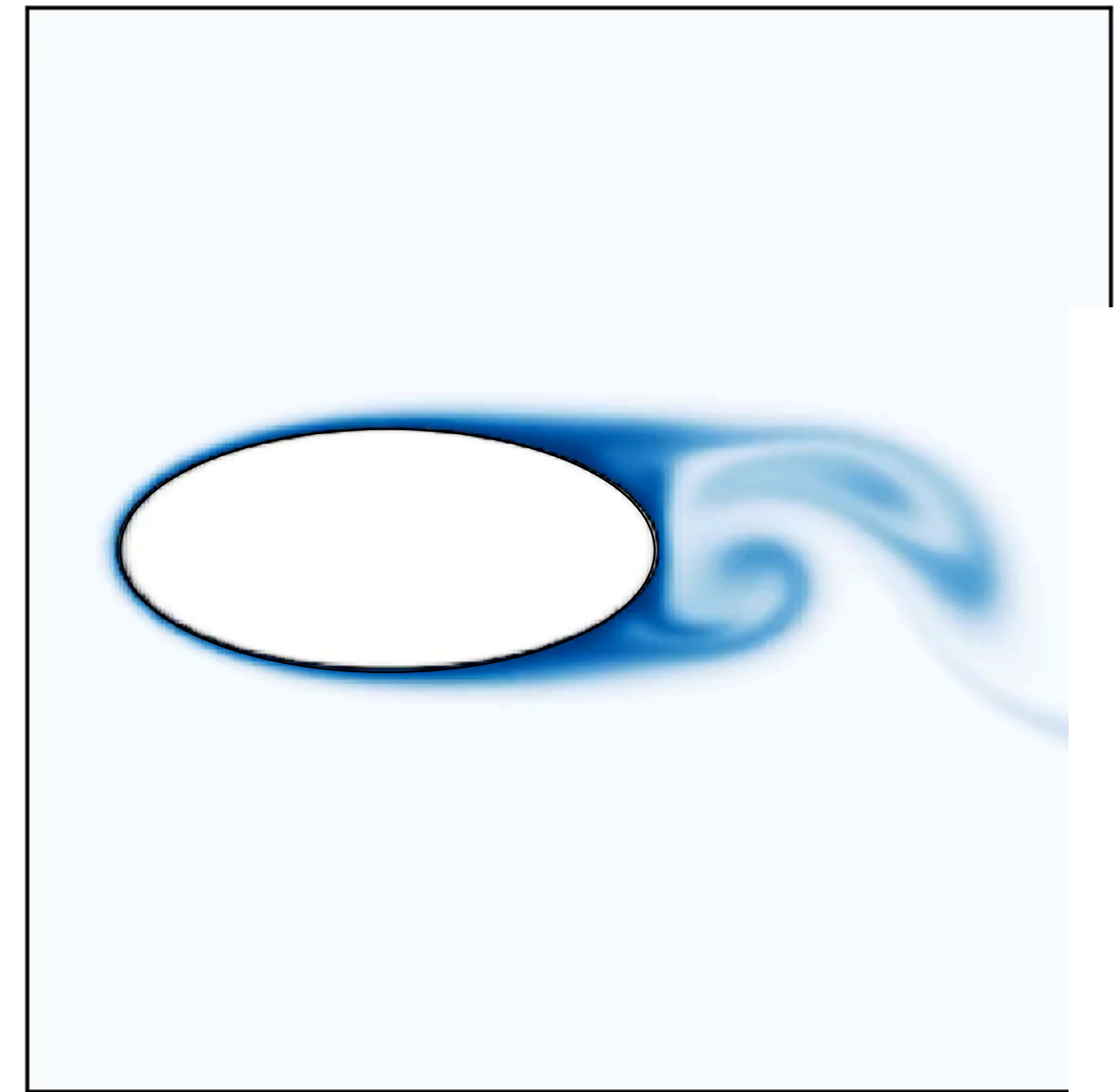
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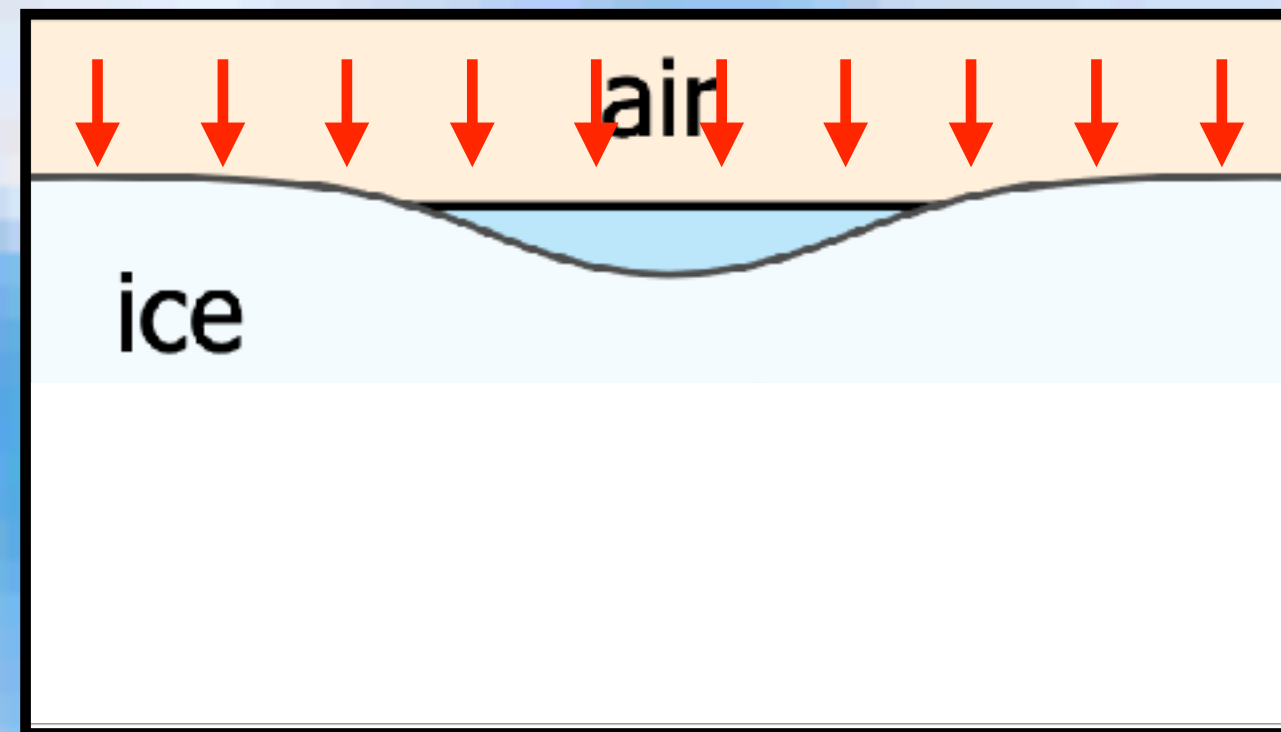
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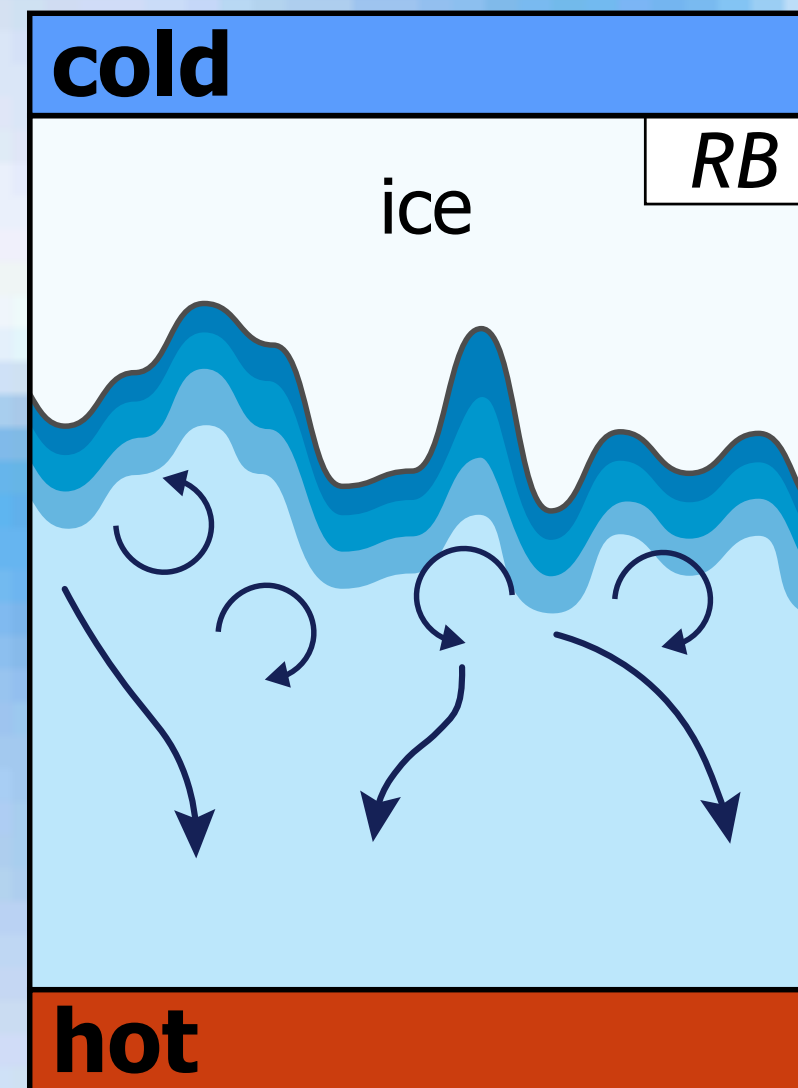
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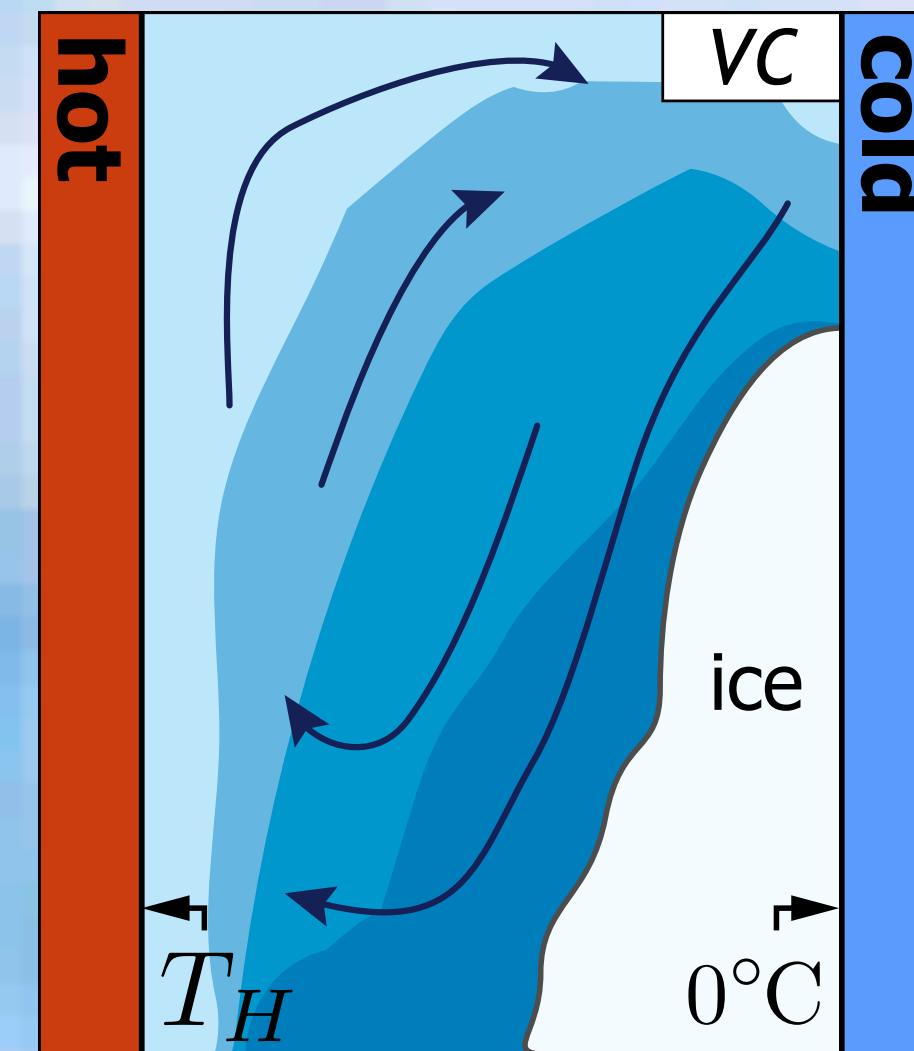
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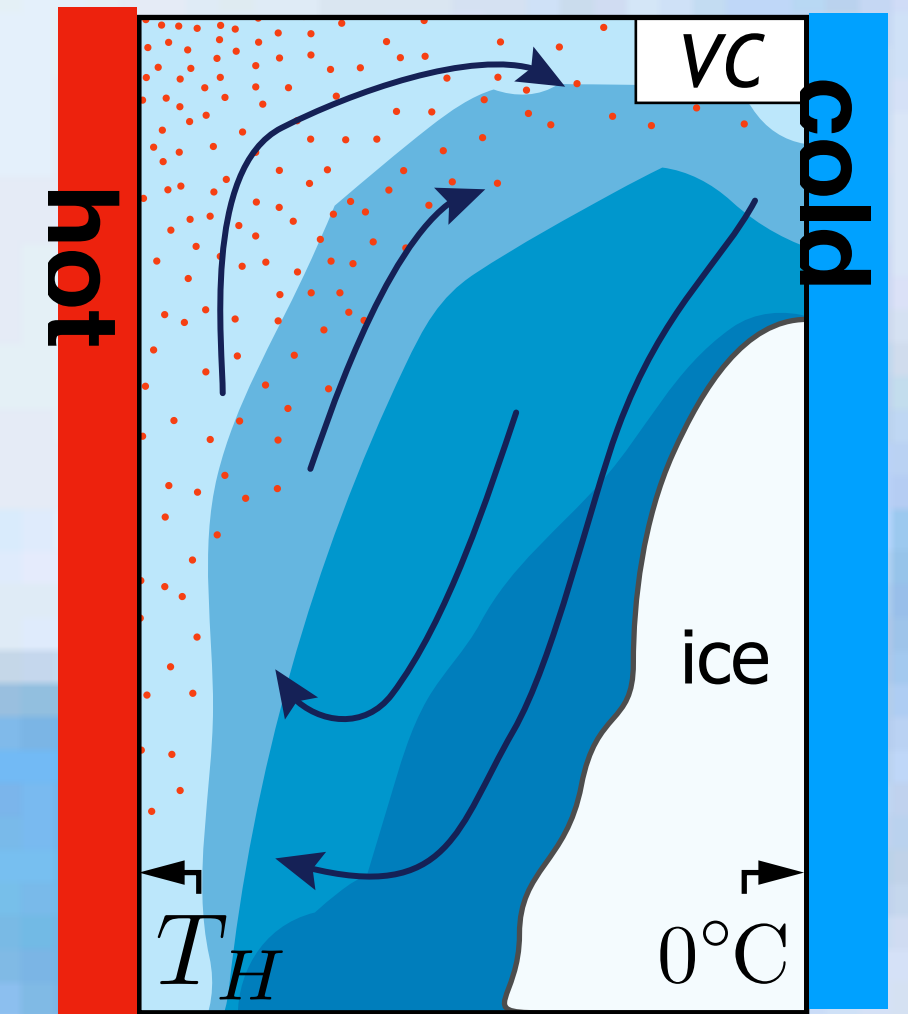
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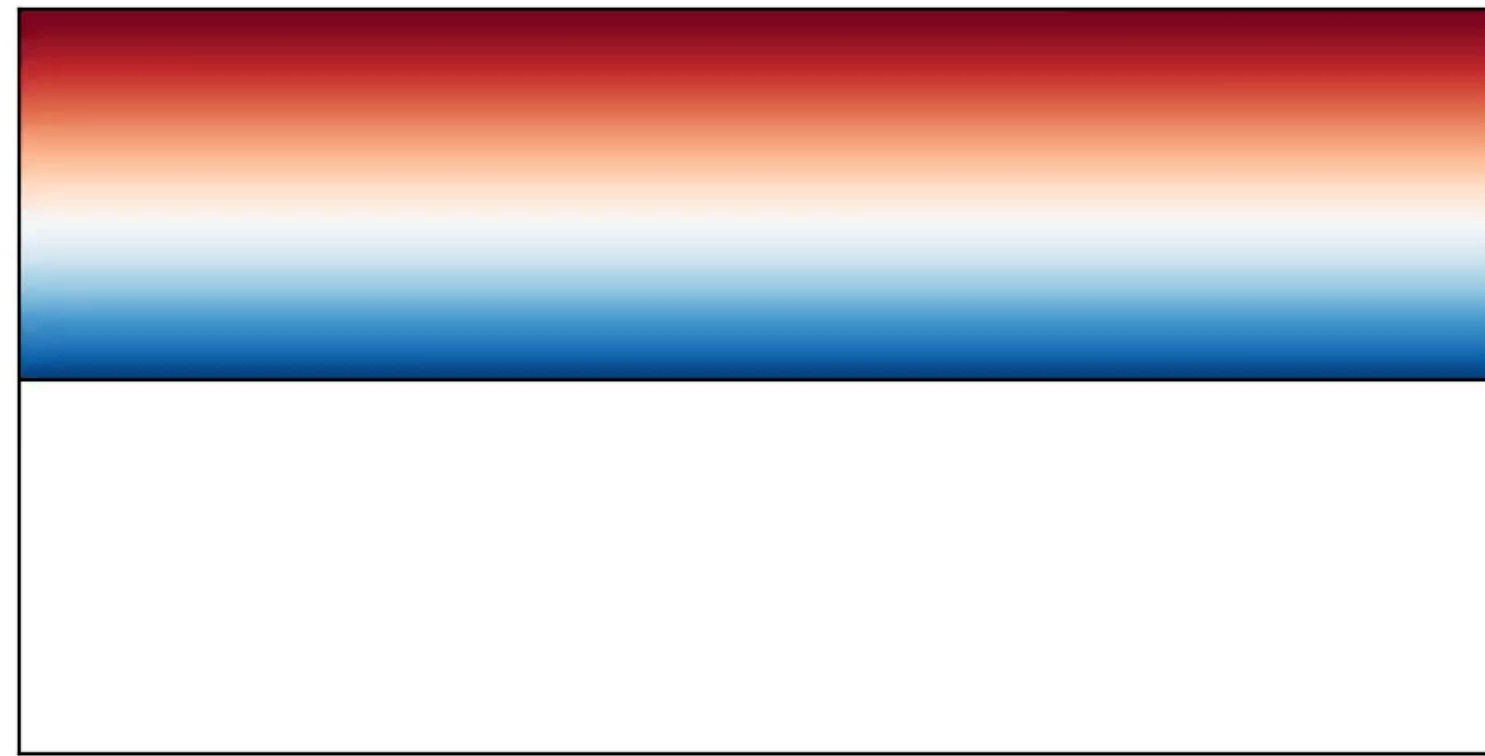


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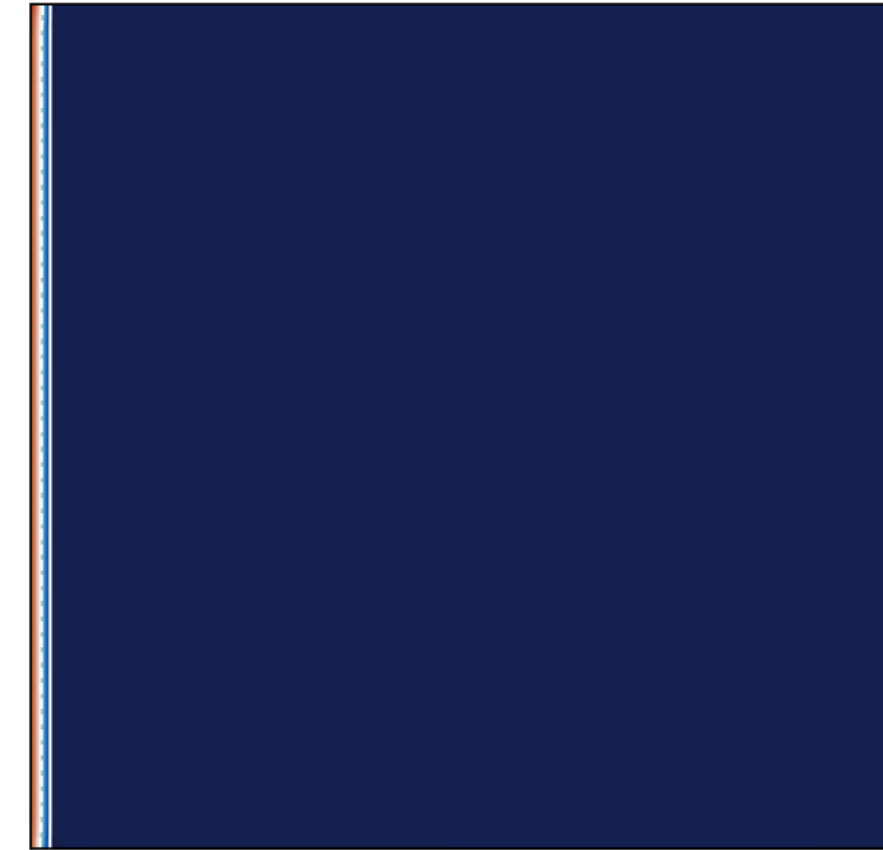


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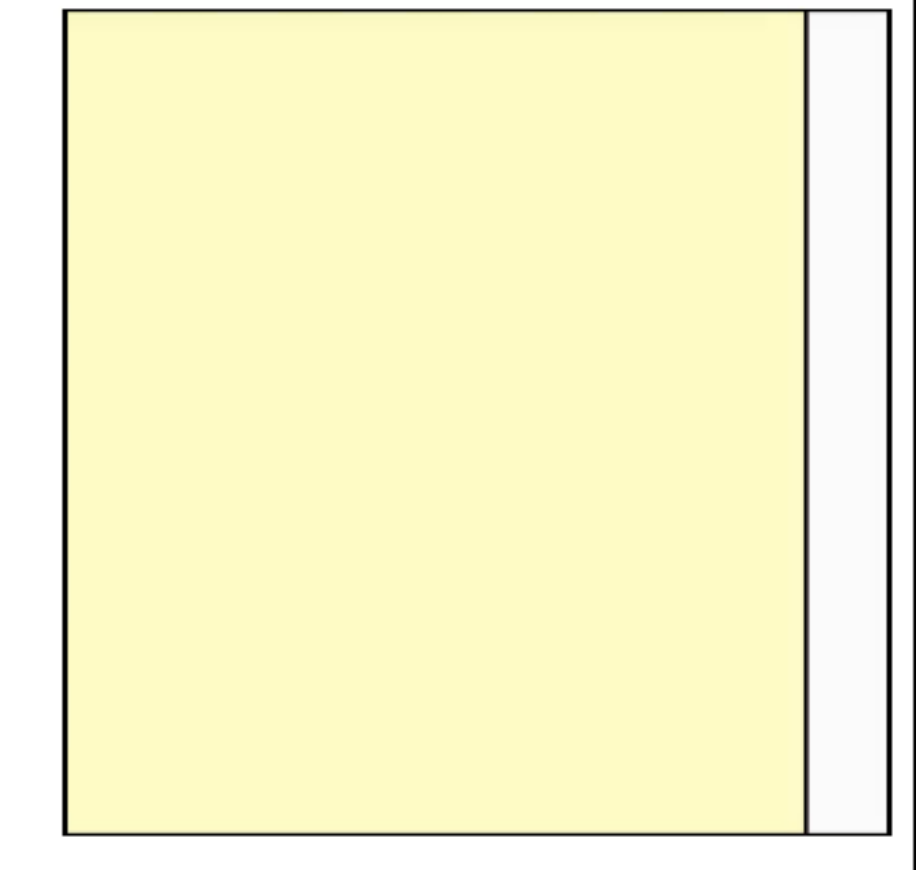
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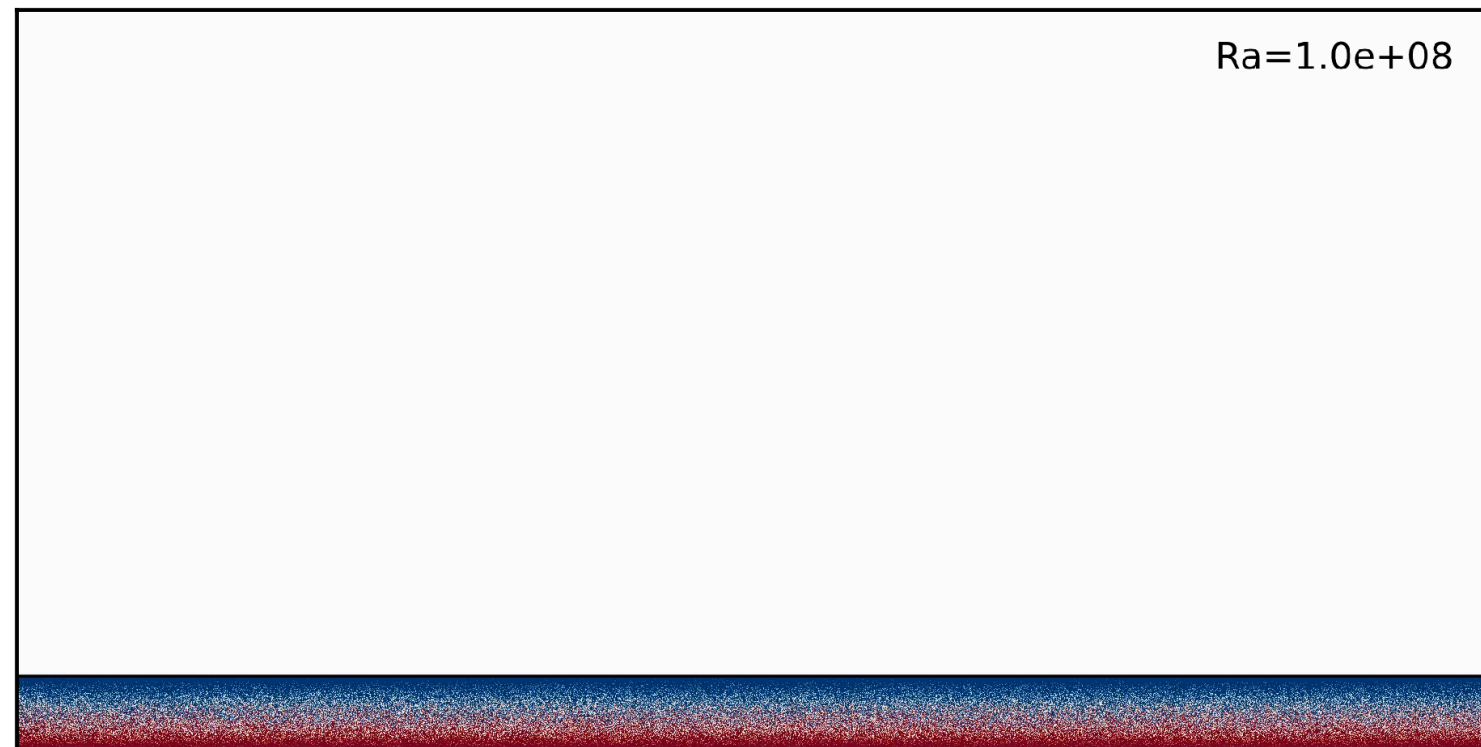
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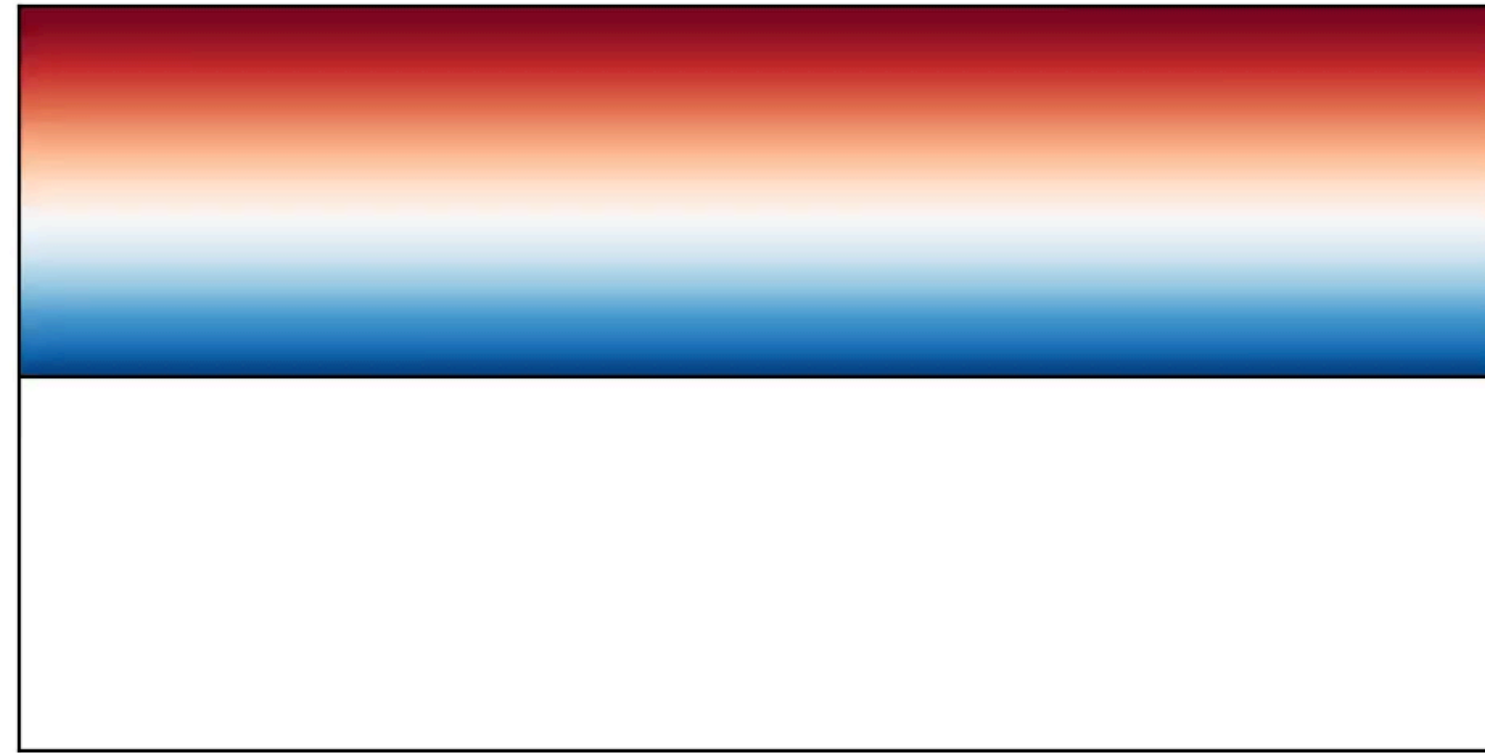


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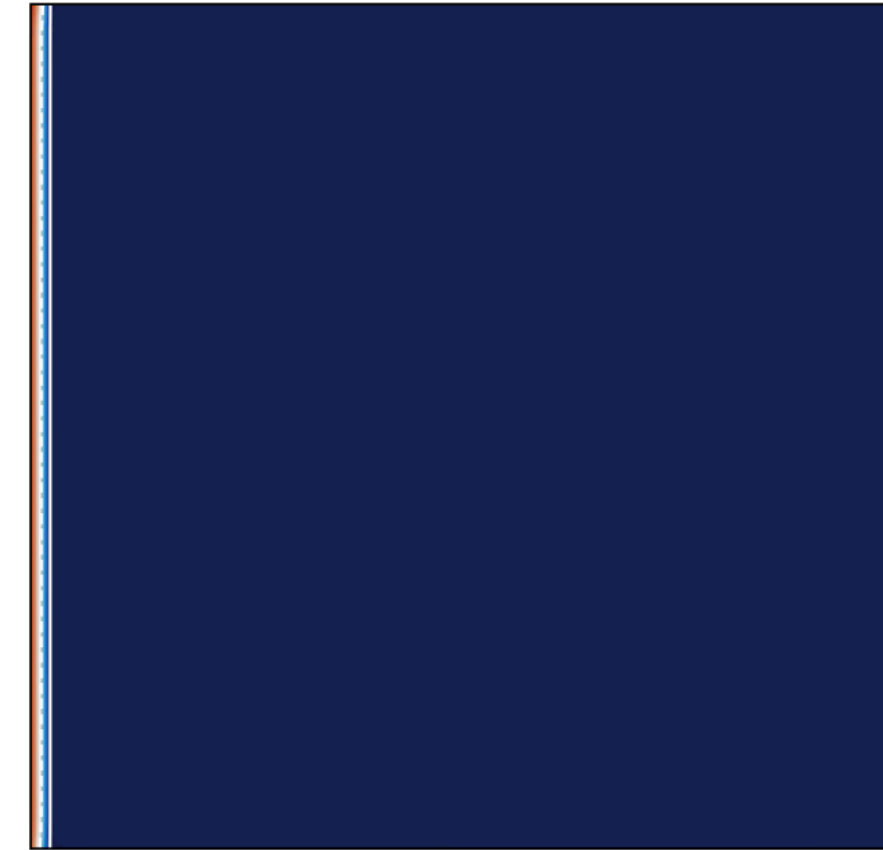


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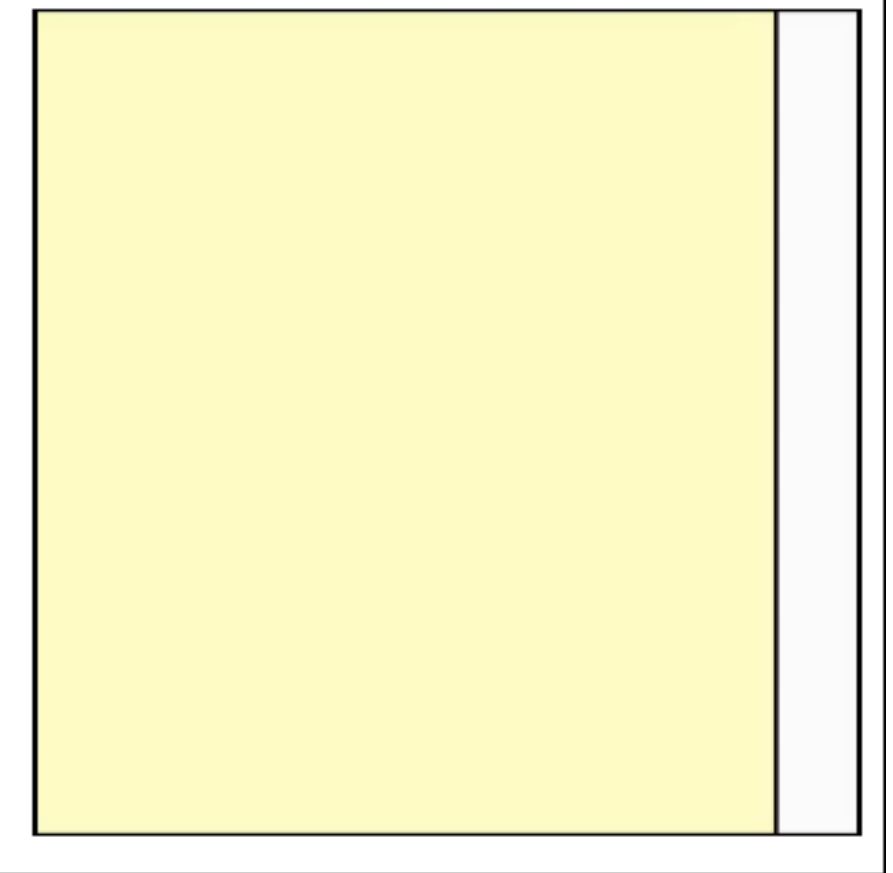
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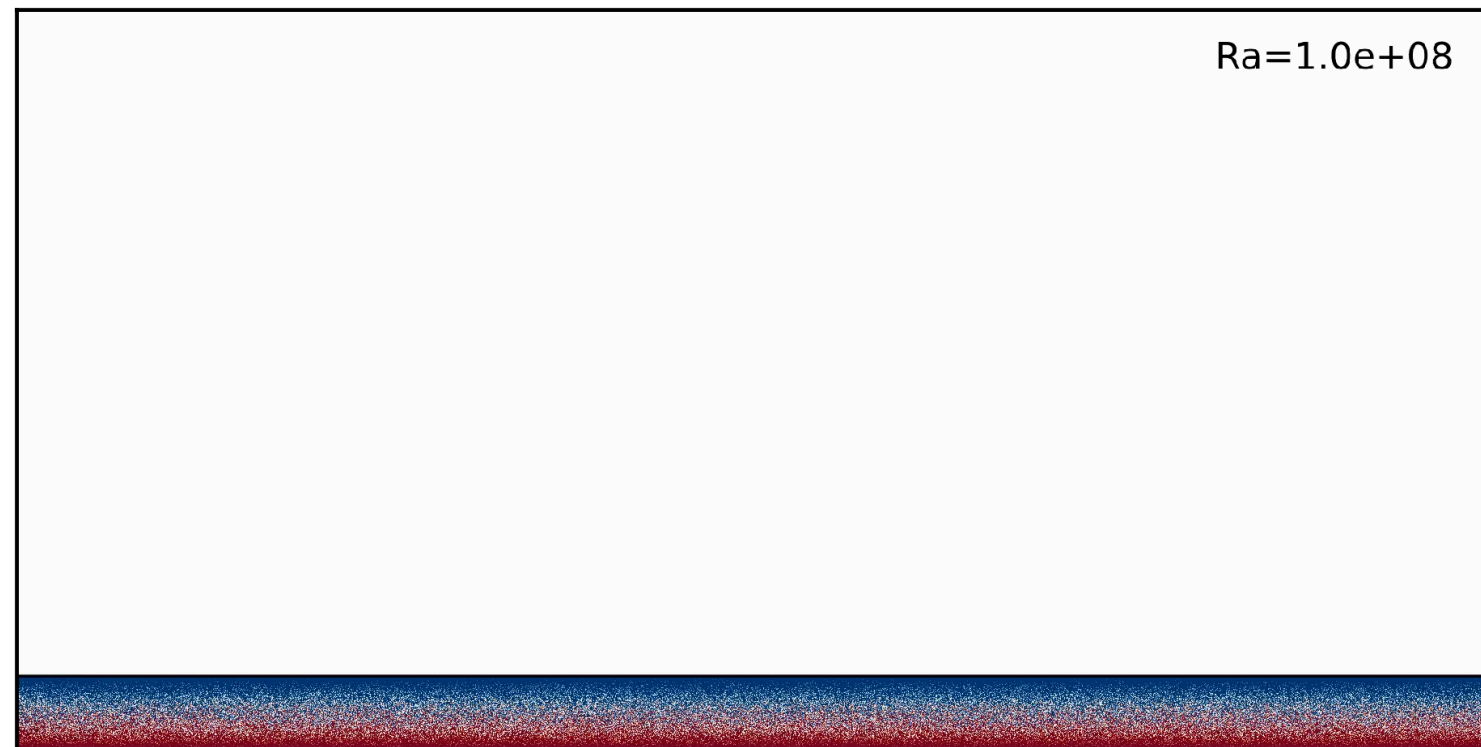
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More general lessons on melting

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- Melting offers great problems to fluid dynamics
- Closing gap between what can be measured (a lot still to be done) and what can be simulated (also a lot to be done): One-to-one comparison seems achievable
- Closing gap between fluid dynamics in the field (ocean, lake), in the lab, and on the computer
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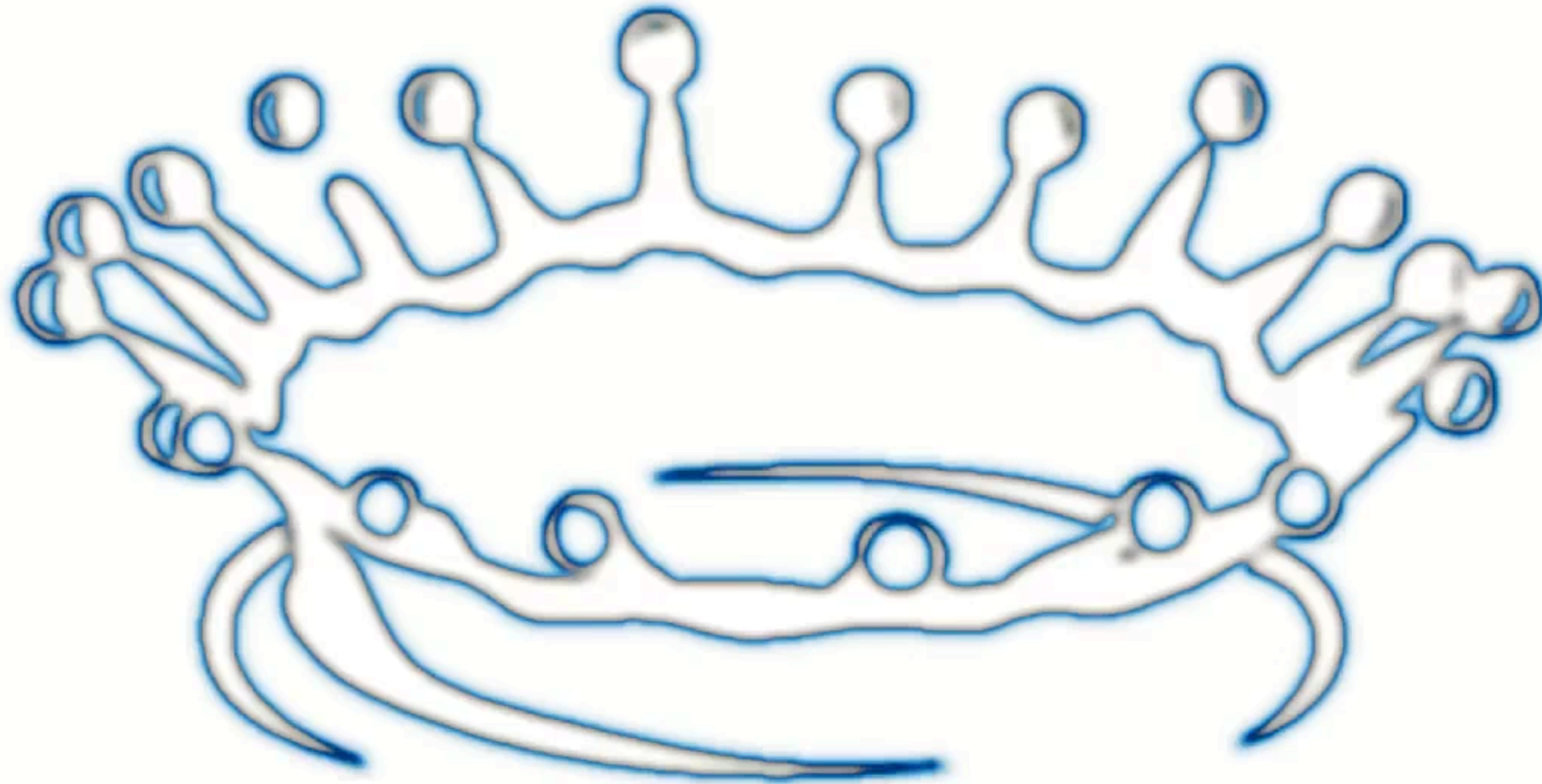
More general lessons on melt*

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